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Old Age Pensions Debate

London, To-day.
THE Labour Party's motion of censure on the Government on the subject of old-age pensions was rejected by the House of Commons by 356 votes to 163 yesterday.

The Prime Minister's statement that Government would carefully examine that question took the wind out of the sails of the Opposition.

Mr. Chamberlain referred particularly to financial burdens which would arise for the Treasury by an increase in pensions from 10 to 20 shillings a week and to shillings for married couples.

SOCIAL EXPENDITURE

He declared that social expenditure had increased within the last 15 years from 102 million pounds to 224 million pounds annually and emphasized that the expenditure for defence must be given preference.

The "Daily Express" takes the side of the disappointed old-age pensioners and criticises the Government which, it says, had not hesitated to guarantee the independence of Poland but was hesitating to guarantee the independence of old people in England.

What these old people were getting was a promise that an investigation would be made.—Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIAN RULE UPHELD

Bucharest, To-day.

Certain Rumanian Senators have been deprived of their seats in the Senate for this year's legislative period.

The Senators include such well-known politicians as Julius Maniu and Dinu Bratianu, who refused to take the new senatorial oath and to wear the uniform of the "Front of National Revival," now obligatory for all Parliamentarians in Rumania.

Six Hour Talk On Currency Demand

Tokyo, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the long session of the round table conference yesterday afternoon, which lasted for six hours, failed to achieve agreement on what the Japanese term "economic questions" affecting Tientsin.

The Japanese are seeking to secure the handling of Federal Reserve Bank notes by the British banks and the prohibition of the circulation of National Currency.

It is believed that a large degree of success has been achieved regarding arrangements for elimination of anti-Japanese elements at Tientsin. It is understood that during yesterday morning's session, considerable progress was made in connection with the maintenance of peace and order in the British Concession.

The six-hour afternoon session was, however, adjourned until to-day, without reaching any result. The Japanese are demanding, primarily, the prohibition of the circulation of Central Government notes in the British Concession.—Reuter.

CANTON REPERCUSSIONS

Canton, To-day.

Kwangtung notes were yesterday at 4 per cent. premium over National Currency for the first time since the introduction of the latter into Canton.

This was due to the heavy demand for Kwangtung notes following loss of confidence in the National Currency based upon the fear that any Anglo-Japanese currency agreement in North China may include the prohibition of the circulation of National Currency in Canton.—Reuter.

POLICE CHIEF CALLED IN

Shanghai, To-day.

The chief of the British police at

Tientsin has left for Tokyo to participate in the deliberations of the joint committee formed to discuss practical measures of cooperation for the maintenance of security and public order in Tientsin.

The departure of the British police chief does not necessarily mean that a disagreement of a serious character has arisen, but it may be taken as purporting that the negotiations will not be transferred to Tientsin.—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY STICKS OUT ITS CHEST

Special to China Mail
Chungking, To-day.

A Tokyo report received here last night stated that the Japanese militarists have declared themselves ready to fight not only Great Britain and Soviet Russia but also the United States, whose abrogation of the Treaty of 1911 has come as a great shock to Japan.

When the move to abrogate the treaty was made in the Senate, political circles in Tokyo interpreted it rather as a domestic political gesture than as a new suggestion in foreign diplomacy.—Our Own Correspondent.

PREMIER SEES KING

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, was received in audience by the King yesterday.

It is learned that the main object of the Prime Minister's visit to Buckingham Palace was to report to the King on the measures that are being taken against the Irish extremists.—Trans-Ocean.

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Germans Busy Completing The Siegfried Line

Barbed Wire And Logs Assembled

Much Work Still To Be Done

A visit to the country through which Germany's fortified Siegfried Line passes, in the sector opposite Alsace, conveys the impression that, despite the large-scale movements, there is still a good deal of work to be done before it can rival the Maginot Line on the French side.

In view of the general political situation it is important to establish whether the operations now in progress, which have been extended along the whole of the Franco-German frontier, are a practice occupation of the Siegfried Line, for purely training purposes, or whether they are the preliminary steps which will be necessary to enable the Germans to hold the French in the west should they attack Poland in the east.

General impression is that this is a test on a serious scale, but that a good deal of rather hasty and scrappy work remains to be consolidated.

This work is being done comparatively slowly where rail communications are concerned, and preparations for constructing camps and barbed-wire protection seem to be proceeding in a rather leisurely fashion.

IRON SLEEPERS TAKEN UP

In view of the shortage of iron in Germany, the main railway line running inland parallel to the Rhine is being relayed with wooden sleepers instead of iron ones, but with metals of the same weight as those which have been discarded.

Around Karlsruhe the work has been finished, but further south it is still proceeding. On this line travel is neither so comfortable nor so fast as in the corresponding section in Alsace, but traffic is fairly punctual, if only because the schedules allow easy margins.

By the side of the railway line activity is most noticeable between Appenweiler and Kehl, near Strasbourg, where a fair amount of barbed wire, now rusted, protects the line from approach through fields or from the banks of

streams. Fresh rolls of wire have been dumped.

Six miles from Kehl, works are visible in the fields to the north of the line, and one mile nearer Kehl a canal running parallel to the line is provided with entrances to cemented works on its eastern banks.

PILLBOXES ON ROADS

The road from Rastatt to Kehl was closed to traffic. It is provided at intervals of 55 yards with pillboxes having slits facing in various directions. The closing of the road is understood to be due to work on these.

Considerable activity is going on at Dürmersheim, seven miles south of Karlsruhe. Here barracks material, chiefly wood, has been assembled, and there are quantities of barbed wire and large stocks of creosoted logs about six feet long.

These may also be seen in other places, and are the type of material which was used during the war for making wood roads where heavy traffic might otherwise sink into the wet ground, or for floors to hold ammunition dumps. Other logs of about the same length, but of green wood, pointed at one end, were also being unloaded.

NATIONAL SERVICE CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.
The response to the call for volunteers for the various branches of National Service continues steadily.

About 49,000 persons applied to be enrolled last week. This brings the total since the beginning of the campaign in January last up to about 1,943,000. —British Wireless.

OPERATION OF ANGLO-U.S. BARTER PLAN

London, To-day.

The question of the Anglo-American barter agreement was raised in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. O. Temple Morris (Conservative).

Mr. Morris asked what precise steps would be taken to carry out the barter deal.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, referred to his reply on July 4.

Mr. Stanley added that the Government had not yet been notified that legislation had been passed empowering the United States Government to acquire cotton.

Meanwhile considerable progress had been made in consultation with the trade interests concerned in working out arrangements for implementing the agreement. —Reuter.

Railway stations were, however, free of military material or passenger rolling stock of the type used for troops.

Large red notices with the warning "Security zones, no photographing," were prominent in Oettingheim Station, where there are special detraining platforms and bridge exits constructed in wood. There is little military movement along the railways or roads, the troops having already been accommodated in and around the Siegfried Line further east.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

"The Three Bares"



"Confound you, Tucker! Put down that stethoscope and stop cave-dropping!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

Torrential Rains Stop Japanese Operations

Peiping, To-day.

Torrential rains are threatening North China with disastrous floods and have already stopped Japanese military operations.

From four railways out of Peiping, only that to Mukden is running. The others are under water in many places.

A rise of 10 feet in the Yungting River near Peiping has caused damage to the famous Marco Polo Bridge, where the present war started, while Tungchow city, east of Peiping, is under six feet of water.

Hundreds of houses in Peiping and vicinity have collapsed, causing several deaths.

These conditions have made Chinese guerrillas more daring than ever.

They fought an action against a Japanese post 20 miles northwest of Peiping on Monday, and killed 30 Japanese soldiers.

AT GATES OF CITY

The guerrillas then approached one of Peiping's city gates. Two hundred strong, they abducted 30 Chinese, including Ja-

panese-employed police and wealthy residents, for ransom before Japanese troops arrived on the scene. —Reuter.

JAP. WARSHIP DAMAGED

Kyushu, To-day.

A Japanese warship anchored in the Yantase River near Anking, was badly damaged when hit by artillery fire. —Our Own Correspondent.

GERMAN SEAMEN CHARGED AS RESULT OF BLACKOUT-OUT INCIDENT

Two German sailors from the s.s. Regensburg appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth in the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to answer charges of assaulting, resisting and obstructing the police during the course of last night's blackout. They pleaded not guilty.

They are Reichard Block, aged 25, and Aeml Tauhart, aged 29.

Sub-Inspector Johnson, who prosecuted, said that at about 9.20 o'clock last night a European lance-sergeant on duty in Canton Road stopped a ricksha in which both defendants were riding. The sergeant explained that all vehicles had to stop during the blackout and that two-in-a-ricksha was not permitted. He was assaulted and defendants ran away.

W. Hewitt, Lance-Sergeant 54, said he was on patrol duty in connection with the blackout when he saw a ricksha in Canton Road, near Haiphong Road, with its light burning.

ASKED THEM TO WALK

He stopped the vehicle and found two Europeans in it — one on the small platform, the other standing up at the back. He explained that two could not ride in a ricksha and that all traffic was stopped during the blackout. They said they were going back to their ship at the Kowloon Wharf and he asked them to walk there.

Tauhart asked if British subjects could ride in rickshas. Sergeant Hewitt replied that during the blackout everyone had to walk. Block, Sergeant Hewitt continued, then caught hold of his coat and said some "dirty words."

He also said:—"You are British. We are Germans and better than any bastard British!"

Tauhart got hold of the sergeant's throat and there was a struggle. The police officer said they would have to accompany him to the station. There was another struggle, Tauhart kicked him, and all three fell to the ground, Block under the sergeant, Tauhart on top of him.

As they got to their feet, Tauhart said:—"I will kill you."

ESCAPE IN DARKNESS

Chinese Sub-Inspector Ng Chung Sing came up and held Tauhart and they, too, struggled. First defendant ran away. Five or six other Germans here came on the scene but made no attempt to interfere or to help the police.

After another short struggle, Tauhart also ran away, both men escaping in the darkness. They were subsequently arrested, however, by two European sergeants.

ROUGH HANDAGE

After the Chinese Sub-Inspector had corroborated Hewitt's evidence, Sergeant F. Russell said that he was on duty in the police station and at 9.30 p.m. was sent to Haiphong Road with another foreign sergeant.

He saw a large crowd and three or four Europeans watching the two defendants, who were sitting on the edge of the pavement. Block's head was roughly bandaged with a handkerchief. As a result of enquiries, he took them into custody.

Both defendants through an interpreter this morning said that they had had a few drinks last night and so preferred to give their evidence in the dock, not under oath.

ATTACKED FIRST

Block said he would not have assaulted the police if he had not

been attacked first. A large number of police surrounded them, so that they had to resist, being afraid that they were going to be killed.

Tauhart said much the same thing, adding that neither of them spoke English; the police alleged they spoke English both on the scene of the assault and later at the police station.

Mr. Himsworth said he was convinced that the police officers were telling the truth and he would convict both men.

Assaulting a police officer in Hong Kong, he warned them, was

DIRECT HITS ON STOUT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Wuchow. To-day.

Eighteen Japanese planes bombed the American Baptist Mission at Wuchow yesterday, and scored three direct hits on the Stout Memorial Hospital.

All foreign citizens are killed and wounded on the safe, but many Chinese were river front. — Our Own Correspondent.

a serious offence.

He fined Block \$30 and Tauhart \$50, remanding them in police custody for 24 hours while the money is raised.

BLACKOUT WAS 'MAGNIFICENT'

"I said last night that it was magnificent, and I still stick to that view. It was a very good effort," said Wing-Commander A. S. Steele-Perkins, the A.R.P. officer, to the "China Mail" this morning apropos of last night's blackout.

Everyone co-operated in Hong Kong's first "real blackout" — even the Clerk of the Weather, who kept the moon "extinguished" from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. and from then on obeyed the subdued lighting restrictions.

About the only place that any grumbling was to be found was around the Naval Dockyard. In time of war or emergency, the Dockyard will, of course, have to work all night, under a special form of subdued lighting.

It was hoped to test this lighting from the air last night, but the low-lying clouds and bad weather generally made this impossible. Taking these circumstances into consideration, however, it was understood that the test was satisfactory on the whole.

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COLIJN GOVERNMENT DEFEATED IN FIRST VOTE IN THE CHAMBER

The Hague, To-day.

The Catholic leader, Dr. Deckers, yesterday moved a resolution in the Chamber against "formation of a Cabinet against public interest."

Dr. Colijn's new Government was defeated on the Catholic motion of censure, which was supported by the Socialists, who jointly control the majority.

The motion was adopted by 55 votes to 27.

Catholics, Socialists, Radicals, Christian Radicals and Communists voted against the Government.

After the vote the Chamber adjourned to allow the Government to consider the position.

RESIGNATION EXPECTED

It is expected that Dr. Colijn will shortly tender his and the Cabinet's resignation.

At the opening of the afternoon session the leaders of the Anti-Revolutionary and Christian Traditionalist groups spoke in favour of Dr. Colijn's Cabinet.

Dr. Colijn then answered the criticism that his "business Cabinet" was a Cabinet which was unconstitutional because it was not in accordance with the majority in the Lower House.

ONUS ON CHAMBER

Dr. Colijn declared its formation did not conflict with the Constitution, and anyhow it was justified by the difficult financial situation.

He considered any other formation would have been impossible, and added he was prepared to resign if the Chamber should formulate a clear statement showing its willingness to provide a working majority on which another Cabinet could be based.

It was after Dr. Colijn's speech that the opposition motion was adopted.—Reuter.

WANGMOON ATTACK REPULSED

Shiuhing, To-day.

Japanese attacks on Wangmoon are reported to have been repulsed.

According to a message from Macao, more Japanese gunboats have arrived off Wangmoon. — Central News.

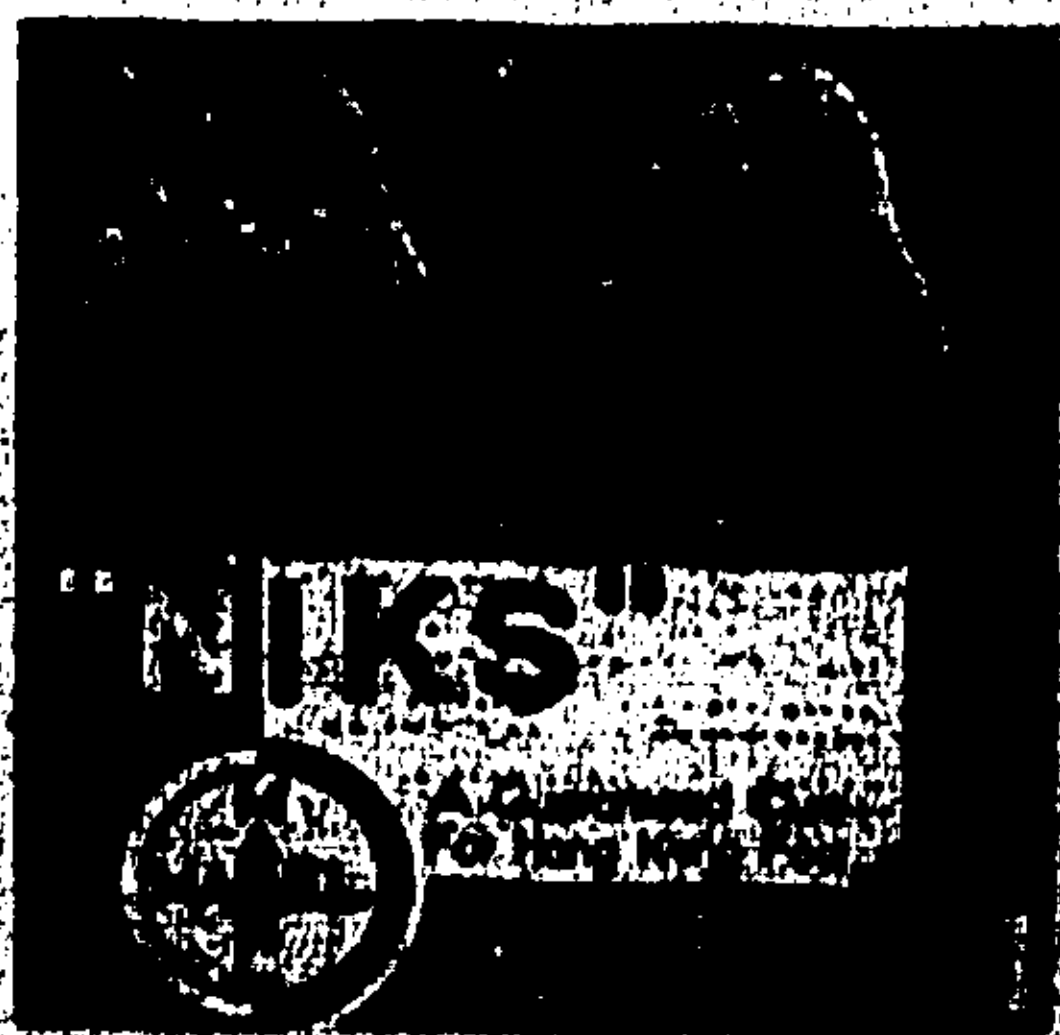
HONAN OFFENSIVE

Loyang, To-day.

Grim fighting around Mingkiang, north of Sinyang in Honan, continues unabated.

Mingkiang has fallen to the Japanese.

Japanese planes have been bombing Tsinyang, Kioshan and Tungpei.—Central News.



REBEL ACTION IN PALESTINE ON DECLINE

London, To-day.

Reports from Palestine received in London show that there are encouraging symptoms of a decline of the rebel movement.

During the first fortnight of the present month, 34 rifles, 2 shotguns, 10 pistols and a quantity of ammunition were voluntarily surrendered by villagers.

During the same period, troops captured nearly 200 rifles and 40 pistols, 16 shotguns and large quantities of ammunition.

No rebel leaders of any importance are now in Palestine and the few armed gangs which still remain have little local backing and are often resisted by the villagers whom they pillage.

But, as membership of these gangs is becoming more and more restricted to wanted criminals, who dare not return to their own villages, there is some increase in highway robbery and petty banditry.

"NATIONAL" ASPECT

The "national" aspect of the rebel movement is now declining, the system of rebel courts has broken down, and village and land disputes are once more being settled by the proper authorities.

Innumerable blood feuds caused by the recent disturbances present difficulties in the establishment of order, but the civil authorities are beginning once more to arrange amicable settlements successfully. — British Wireless.

COTTON TO BE SOLD TO GO INTO STORE

Washington, To-day.

Senator Byrnes announced yesterday that negotiations have been completed for the sale of about 175,000 bales of cotton to France and Switzerland.

The sale will be made for cash at a minimum price equal to the world price, the Government carrying the charges for 18 months; thus, the minimum price will be some \$6 below the world market price.

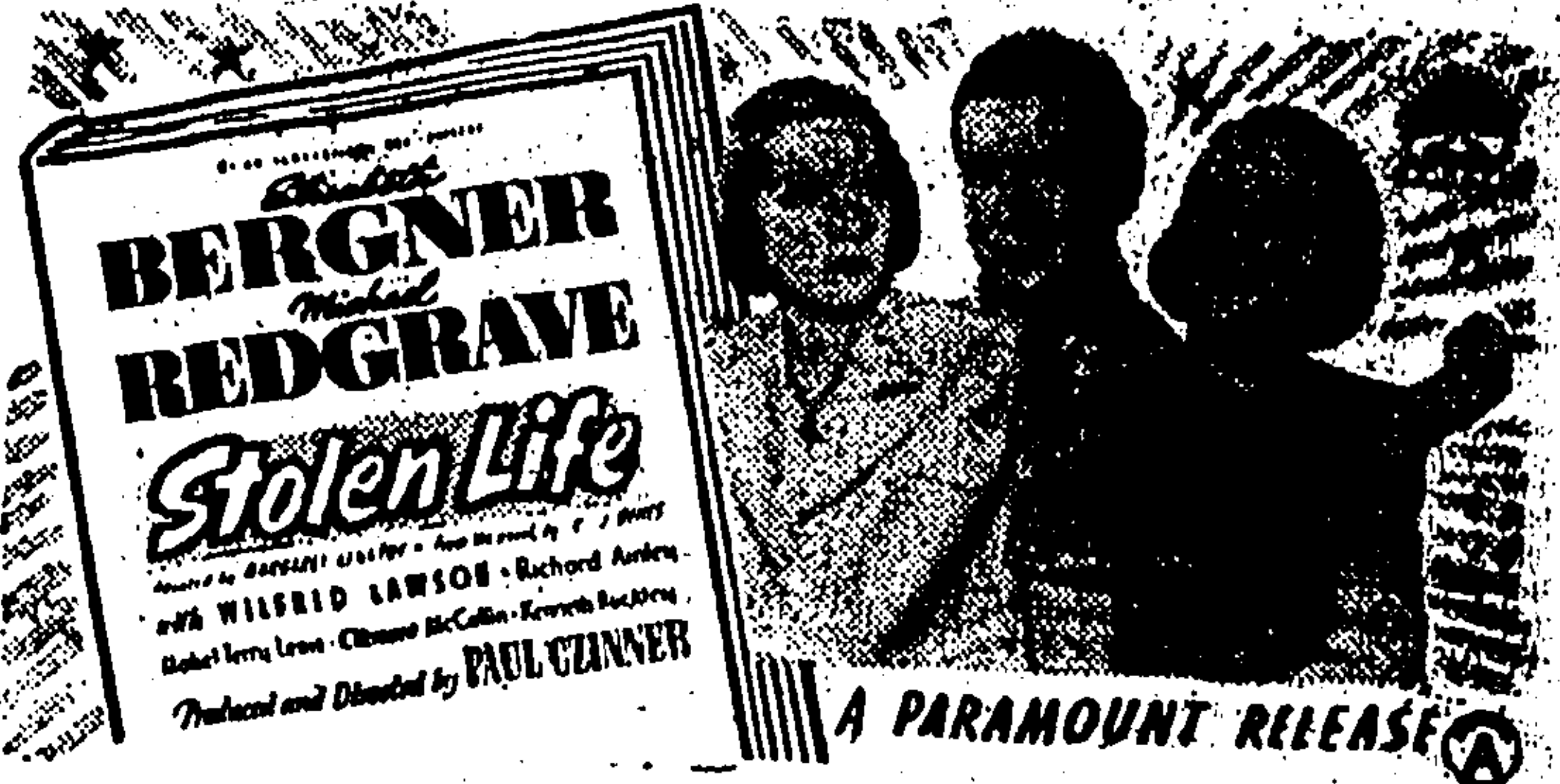
The buyers must agree to store the cotton for five years as a reserve supply, except in the case of war.

Negotiations are under way with another country for a similar sale. Senator Byrnes introduced an amendment authorizing the C. I. C. to sell agricultural commodities abroad for reserve storage purposes. — Reuter.

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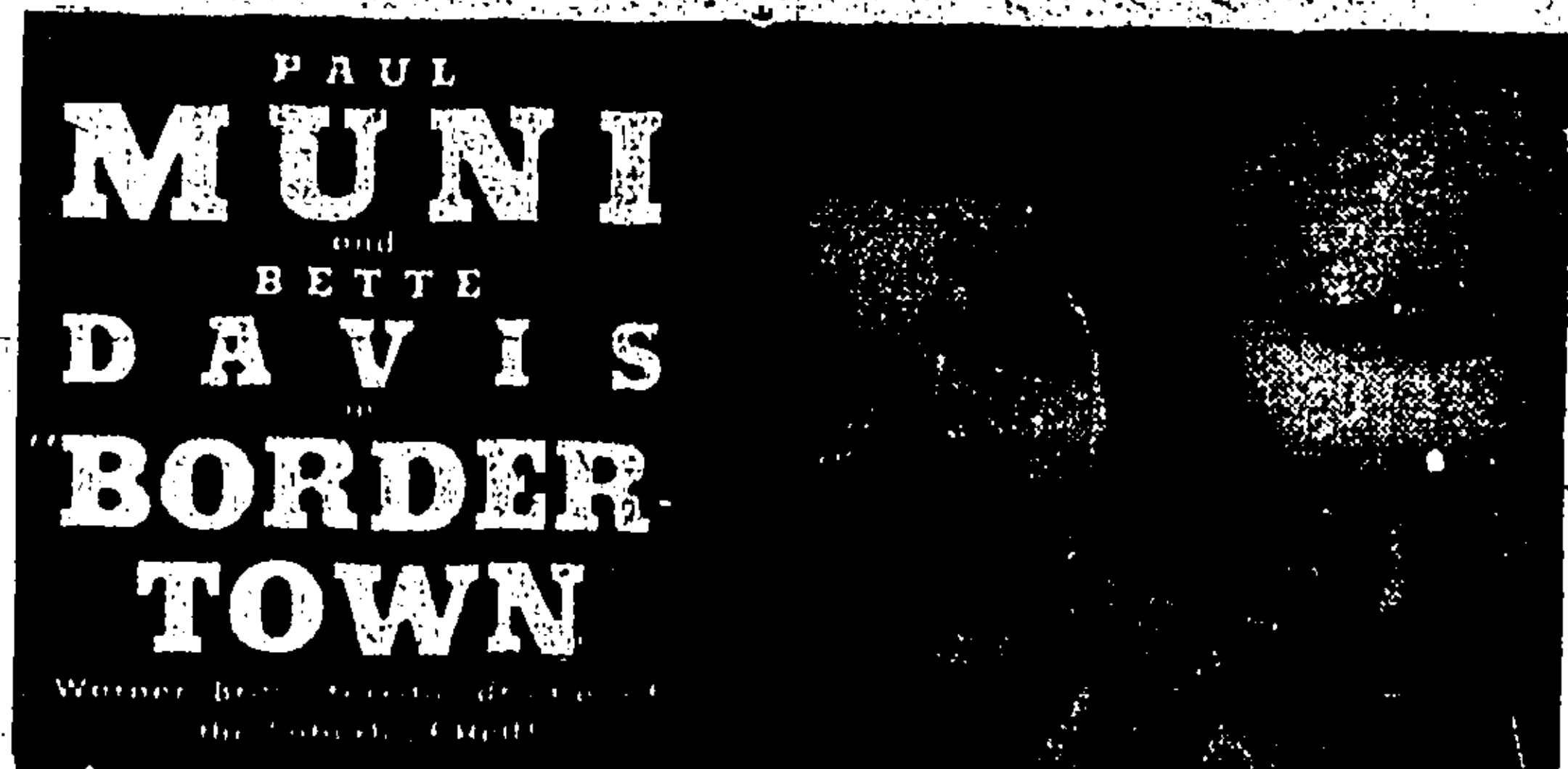


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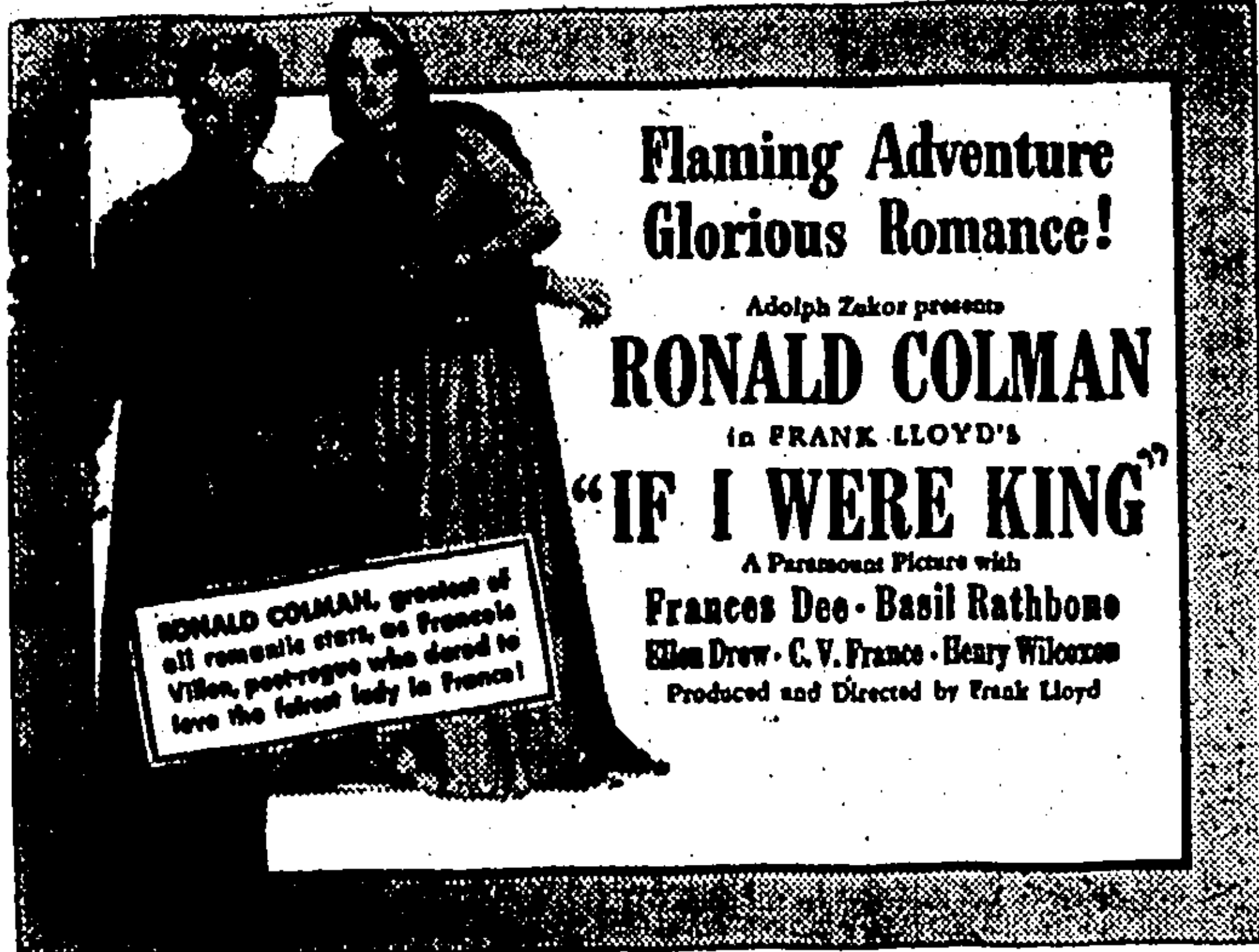
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ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.
It is revealed by the spokesman of the "peace preservation committee" at a press conference that Pang Tung-yuan, chairman of the committee, had sent telegrams to the Japanese Premier, Foreign, Army and Navy Ministers that in the Anglo-Japanese parleys in Tokyo "our 80,000,000 Chinese earnestly hope that the Imperial Japanese Army will get satisfactory results according to Imperial policy." The Chinese press in the meantime has changed its anti-British campaign to alleged "full details" of the British "surrender" to the Japanese at the Tokyo conference.—Reuter.

Dr. Dovey has reported that between 2 and 5 p.m. yesterday some person stole a ladies' handbag containing money and a fountain pen, from his office at the Post Office Building.

TRANSFER OF TROOPS FROM INDIA TO EGYPT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE DESPATCH OF CERTAIN TROOPS AT AN EARLY DATE FROM INDIA TO EGYPT.

This movement, which has been under consideration for some time, is a precautionary measure, and is intended to increase the strategic reserve in the Middle East.

It is welcomed by the Egyptian government. The troops are not designed for employment in Palestine and there is no intention of sending them there.—British Wireless.

Miss G. White, of No. 27, Cameron Road, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after she had been bitten by a black chow dog on her right hand.

PREMIER HOLDS TO HIS OWN VIEWPOINT

London, To-day.

With Parliament due to adjourn for the summer recess on August 4, suggestions were made to the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday that the House should not disperse at the present time.

Mr. Chamberlain said he would announce next week the date of reassembly in the autumn. It was proposed to take the motion for the summer adjournment on August 2, and the usual power would be taken for the Speaker, on representation made by the Government, to call the House together at an early date if such a course was necessary in the public interest.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) asked Mr. Chamberlain if he would consider the suggestion that there should be regular meetings of the House, and that members should not disperse for a considerable period.

Mr. Chamberlain said he had seen an allusion to such a proposal in the press, although it was not formally made to him.

On consideration, it did not seem to him that it would be an advisable course to follow.

"It is one which is likely to keep the whole country in a state of suspense."

GOVERNMENT WATCH

Replying to Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal), who declared that "in view of the possibility of grave events abroad," it was undesirable that the House should separate for a prolonged period, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the only reasonable way was for the Government to watch the course of events.

The House might depend, he said, that they would exercise their powers with a due sense of responsibility.

FOREIGN POLICY

Making an extempore reply to a supplementary question by Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Chamberlain said he did not want to tie himself down to the precise words of a pledge, but broadly speaking, if the Government contemplated some important departure in their foreign policy, he thought it would be an occasion for calling the House together.

Mr. Winston Churchill (Conservative) thereupon asked: Does not the Prime Minister consider that if during the early days of August the mobilisation of the German army is steadily proceeding, it would appear incongruous to announce that Parliament has adjourned until October 25.

Mr. Chamberlain: That is a hypothetical question.—Reuter.

MATTER OF OPINION

When Mr. Chamberlain agreed that keeping Parliament in session would be likely to keep the whole country in state of anxiety, Mr. Greenwood suggested that, on the contrary, it was more likely to give a feeling of satisfaction and to strengthen public opinion were it known that the House met from time to time.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that this was a matter of opinion, but his opinion was that the powers which the Government already possessed were sufficient.

Sir Archibald Sinclair said that surely it was undesirable that the House should separate for any prolonged period and that if the Prime

Minister found himself unable to accept the suggestion made by Mr. Greenwood that the House should meet regularly in the interval, would he, at any rate, agree that the House should not adjourn for several weeks, but that it should adjourn for not more than a fortnight or for three weeks at most.

NO TIME LIMIT

Mr. Chamberlain replied that we had no reason to suppose that, if grave events supervened, they should supervene in a fortnight or three weeks, or at any particular time. The only reasonable or sensible course was that the government which had the responsibility should watch the course of events.—British Wireless.

ALSACE PAPER CONFISCATED

Paris, To-day.

The French police, according to a report from Strasbourg, have confiscated the latest issue of the "Strass-Burger Monatshefte," Autonomist Alsace periodical, which contained an open letter to President Lebrun summing up the "demands of the German minority in France."

The "Strass-Burger Monatshefte" is published by Dr. Splesser, leader of the recently dissolved Autonomist League "Erwin von Steinbach."—Trans-Ocean.

LAND INVESTMENT INTERIM

At a Meeting held this morning, the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. declared an Interim Dividend of One Dollar and twenty-five cents per share for the six months ended 30th June, 1939.

S'HA! THREATS

Chungking, To-day.

The staff of the "Chinese-American Daily News" has received a threatening letter from a so-called "Anti-Communist Special Service Headquarters," warning them to resign within three days.

It said that the closing on July 22 was only the beginning of drastic measures.—Central News.

Congress Approval Of Dramatic Roosevelt Stroke

FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS LIKELY

Washington, To-day.

The dramatic denunciation of the trade and amity treaty between U.S. and Japan is almost universally approved in Congress circles, even by the isolationists.

Among the supporters of denunciation is the Republican, Arthur Vandenberg, who, on Wednesday, submitted to the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee a motion designed to reach the same goal.

Vandenberg declared that he was pleased to find himself at last in agreement with the Government.

Almost without exception, New York approves the measure against Japan and cites Roosevelt as the initiator.

Political circles in Washington see in the denunciation of the treaty, the first step towards a more active U.S. Far Eastern policy. It is expected that after Congress reassembles at the beginning of the coming year, an export embargo on war materials will be declared.

TREATY BAR

A motion to this effect was submitted in the present session but was dropped because the State Department took the view that an embargo could not be imposed as long as the treaty was still in force.

It is, however, considered probable that before Congress reassembles the Government will reveal, by administrative measures, a sharper attitude towards Japan.

Indication of this was given by the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Morgenthau, who declared that the denunciation of the treaty would necessitate reconsideration of the gold and silver purchases from Japan. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN MUST TRY TO WIN WAR IN SIX MONTHS

London, To-day.

The denunciation of the American-Japanese trade and amity treaty by the United States is interpreted by this morning's English papers as part of President Roosevelt's campaign for a revision of American neutrality legislation.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that since the treaty expires after six months, Japan would have to accomplish the conquest of China within that time, unless she wanted to run the risk of continuing the war under an American embargo.

The "Daily Mail" points out that it was within the President's powers to annul the treaty but that an embargo could only be declared by Congress. It therefore remained to be seen what the House of Representatives would do.

TOKYO'S REACTION

With regard to Tokyo's reaction, the British papers state that the American decision had caused consternation in Japan.

The papers point out that the United States, under the treaty, supplied 56 per cent of all war material required by Japan and 73 per cent of Japanese war requirements.

On the other hand, 80 per cent of Japanese silk exports was going

to the United States. — Trans-Ocean.

AN OBJECT LESSON FOR BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The "News Chronicle" says that President Roosevelt's interventions in foreign policy are always resolute and often dramatic, but none more so than his notice to abrogate the trade agreement with Japan.

Whether an embargo results or not, the notice is a political rebuff to Japan of the first importance.

It has given timely encouragement to China, somewhat mortified by the British agreement with Japan.

Whether President Roosevelt intended it or not, he has given the British Government an object lesson in Far Eastern policy. — Reuter.

"SANCTIONS WAR IN PACIFIC," SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The American Government's reason for denouncing the trade treaty with Japan, namely the excessive quantity of Japanese textiles imported by the United States, is not taken seriously in German political circles, which stress the manifest political nature of the measure.

This measure, it is contended substitutes undisguised economic war for the 28-year-old treaty between the two countries.

The Berlin papers take the view that the Government's action is intended to assist Britain and consider that it foreshadows an em-

MR. HULL AND TREATY WITH JAPAN

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, told his press conference yesterday that the basis of a new treaty with Japan would be determined in accordance with developments in the next six months.

The State Department would be able to say more about the subject in a month or two. — Reuter.

bargo on the export of arms to Japan.

The "Boersen Zeitung," in an article headed "Sanctions War in the Pacific," says that an influential section of the American press has long advocated strong pressure being brought to bear on Japan, and goes on to remark on the speed with which President Roosevelt and Cordell Hull have now acted after the Senate's delaying decision on the resolution demanding the abrogation of the treaty.

The paper believes this haste was motivated by a fear entertained in Washington that America must become involved in any "British defeat in the Far East." — Trans-Ocean.

MOVE SEEN AS ANGLO-U.S. CO-OPERATION

Berlin, To-day.

The action of America in denouncing the Treaty of Commerce with Japan is seen as a purely political measure by the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," which, in a lengthy article, appearing this morning, predicts countermeasures on the part of Japan.

The view is taken that the Washington move is a direct outcome of Anglo-American cooperation in the Far East.

England, it suggests, has, in its present position, sought for help in an effort to maintain its position. In the Far East, it contends, Britain has retreated to Singapore, where at the western entrance to the Pacific, it has taken France and Holland in tow.

America is to repair Tientsin. That, says the German comment, is the real purpose of the abrogation by America of the treaty. — Trans-Ocean.

Japanese Army and Tientsin

Tientsin, To-day.

THE preliminary agreement reached in the Anglo-Japanese negotiations does not justify any slackening of the blockade of the British Concession in Tientsin.

This view was reiterated by the Japanese military spokesman here yesterday.

The spokesman said the army would not relax the measures or check anti-British agitation in North China until Britain lived up to the Tokyo agreement.

Meanwhile, new anti-British measures are reported from Peitaiho, the coastal summer resort, where all Chinese servants working in British households have been summoned to leave their employers immediately.

Anti-British committees in Tangku and Taku have circularised a request to all Britons to leave these towns within the next 30 days. — Trans-Ocean.

ALL POLITICAL DIFFERENCES MUST BE DISPOSED OF

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has intimated that a new trade agreement between U.S. and Japan could only be concluded after all political differences of opinion between the two countries had been satisfactorily disposed of.

Mr. Hull declined to give a more precise definition but pointed out that an investigation had begun to decide on what terms a new treaty might be concluded.

He emphasised that greater respect for American rights and interests in China was one of the questions that have to be seriously considered.

Mr. Hull, furthermore, declared that six months, which he fixed as the preliminary period of observation, must show whether a new treaty could be concluded or not. He added that, as far as he knew, no conversations had taken place between the State Department and the Treasury about putting countervailing duties on Japanese goods, as has been done on German and Italian imports. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. Andrews, of No. 38, Humphreys Building, has reported that his motor car, No. 2767, was stolen at about 10 a.m. yesterday, when parked outside his residence.

SALUTARY REMINDER GIVEN TO JAPAN

London, To-day.

By his sudden decision to denounce the American-Japanese trade treaty, President Roosevelt has shown the world that the democracies on occasion can vie with the totalitarian countries in tactics of surprise, declares the "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial.

America, after all, has done no more than exercise the rights conferred on her by treaty, whereas Japan, during the past seven years, has not hesitated to violate out of hand any treaty obligations which happened to conflict with her policy.

Moreover, by refraining from a formal declaration of war on

China, she sought to evade the legal disadvantage of belligerency, while, at the same time—for example in the Tientsin negotiations—claiming the advantage.

President Roosevelt's action will be a salutary reminder that she cannot go on indefinitely making the best of both worlds and cannot ride roughshod over the rights of others without, sooner or later, provoking retaliation.

Unless we misread the signs, the time is arriving when the United States may feel herself in the face of "new developments" indisposed to maintain her past attitude of tolerance. — Reuter.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

THE HERMIT

A PARTY was in progress in the great house on the cliff, and John Ash, whom I was visiting in Sharonport, told me we were invited. "Tell me something about this man who holds such large parties and invites total strangers to be his guests," I asked.

John looked at me quickly. "You don't mean you haven't heard of Moss Ober?"

I shook my head. "Never. What claim does he lay to fame? How did he amass such a fortune?"

An hour still remained before time for us to leave for the party, so we settled back in the dim, cool light of the porch. Beyond the porch railing breakers were white blurs in the darkness.

"We used to call Moss Ober the queer man," John said. "Right after he was born his father, a fisherman, was lost at sea. Some say the tragedy affected Moss' mother's mind. At any rate, Nance Ober took her son, Moss, and went to live in an old deserted shack on the beach up beyond Nabob Point. No one knew how she got along, because her husband had laid nothing by and there was no insurance. Some kindly folks in town tried to help her, but she would have none of their

by destiny, should meet. But two years passed before anything like a bond of friendship existed between them. Then we learned that Simon had become interested in the trinkets that Moss picked up along the beach, and would sometimes buy one or two because he thought them pretty.

"Probably for the first time in his life Moss had a few pennies of his own to spend, and these pennies he treasured and hoarded. Another year passed and Moss had accumulated about fifty dollars, paid him by Hermit Simon.

"Then one day Moss disappeared, and that same day Simon was studying some peculiarly shaped oyster shells he'd bought from Moss, and suddenly his heart leaped. His hands trembled as he opened still further the shell he had been examining and peered down at the tiny pellet that rolled out.

"Yes, it was a pearl. And in five of the other shells were five other pearls.

"Simon, as I have stated, was fundamentally honest, and the thought that entered his mind was that Moss should share in this fortune, even though the pearls legally belonged to Simon by right of purchase.

"So Simon went looking for Moss and found that Moss had disappeared.

By Karl Grayson

charity. None of their pity or company either. She preferred to be alone with her baby, and because people who wish to be alone all of the time are thought to be queer, it was generally agreed that Mrs. Ober's mind was affected.

"So Moss grew up in a sort of hermitage, and folks who saw him wandering along the beach said that he, also, was a little queer. When Moss was twenty-two his mother died, and he buried her on the lonesome wastes of the point. They tried to get him to move into town, but he preferred the solitude of his shack home. It was all he was used to, and he was shy because he knew that people thought him queer.

"No one knew how Moss survived. They said that he lived mostly on fish and berries and the vegetables he raised in a tiny garden. They said too that his pockets were always filled with good luck charms and queer trinkets. He carried a shark's tooth that gave him courage, and a piece of alligator paw that protected him from harm. And he possessed queer-looking shells and round, coloured stones and many strange objects that he picked up in his wanderings along the beach.

"A year after Moss' mother died a man named Simon Nason came down from the city and bought an isolated cottage some distance from the point and took up residence there. Now Simon was a social misfit. He couldn't get along with people. Mostly, the reason he couldn't get along was because he wanted to be rich and he had no special talents to make him so, and he lacked the courage to become a criminal.

"And so, because he had found that lack of money made him unhappy and unpleasant company, he forsook civilization and became a hermit. He had a small income, enough to barely exist on, and so being a hermit was not a difficult business for this strange man. It was inevitable that Simon, the hermit by choice, and Moss, the hermit

He waited a day, two days, and then some surf fisherman down the beach always found a body that was later identified as that of Moss Ober. Examination proved that one of Moss' legs was broken and that there was a bump on his head, as though he had fallen from some high place onto rocks.

"Now that is the story and you can suspect what you like and believe what you like. All I know is that Simon told us all about the pearls and tried to locate some of Moss' family so that they might share in the fortune, but he never found a single relative. So he sold the pearls and invested the money wisely, and now he is the richest man around.

"He built the big house up on the cliff and is no longer a hermit. He holds these parties whenever the fancy strikes, which is often, and everyone is invited.

"Some say that Simon is queer, but mostly people are willing to agree he's only whimsical because he's rich and it is easy to tolerate strange doings in a rich and generous man. We'll go up there to-night and you'll hear him prattle about Moss Ober, and some of the things you hear may set you wondering, but I'll let you draw your own conclusions."

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Further Long Conference On Anglo-Soviet Pact

SATISFACTORY, BUT STILL UNDECISIVE

Moscow, To-day.

Sir William Seeds (British Ambassador), M. Paul Naggiar (French Ambassador) and Mr. William Strang (the Foreign Office expert) had a further 90-minute meeting with M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, at the Kremlin yesterday afternoon.

The negotiations are believed to be proceeding satisfactorily, but yesterday's meeting is stated to have been indecisive.

Meanwhile, in Paris yesterday, suggestions that the forthcoming military talks between British and French missions and members of the Soviet General Staff signify that a political agreement has been virtually reached were treated with reserve in the press.

"Le Temps," semi-official newspaper, writes: "It is not quite correct to say that the way to agreement has been entirely cleared as result of the last talks in Moscow."

"What appears to be confirmed is that the conversations are now developing in an appreciably better atmosphere than previously."

"Journal des Debats" urges the advisability of the Soviet Union terminating the Soviet-German non-aggression pact signed in 1926. — Reuter.

U.S. ACTION MAY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS AGREEMENT

Paris, To-day.

Denunciation by the American Government of the treaty concluded in 1911 with Japan is considered to be an important step towards clarification of the situation in the Far East.

The Paris "Soir" says that Japan is prepared to ride roughshod over the interests of third powers in China if those interests appear incompatible with her own aims.

The paper recalls that at an anti-British demonstration in Osaka the former Japanese Ambassador to Germany, Honda, recently declared that Japanese troops could disarm the British forces at Tientsin and that as soon as England had been defeated, the Chiang Kai-shek regime would necessarily fall.

ENEMY NO. 1

Events in the Far East could not remain without influence on the Soviet Government's attitude towards the negotiations now proceeding in Moscow.

The Soviet Government regards Japan as Enemy No. 1 and Moscow will be prepared to assume obligations in Europe towards Britain and France in order to give Britain a freer hand in the Far East than has hitherto been the case.

The paper is encouraged in this belief by the announcement that the Soviet Foreign Commissar had invited the French and British Ambassadors to meet him. — Trans-Ocean.

SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS

London, To-day.

Yesterday's conference at the Kremlin does not seem to have had a definite result. This morning's London press is silent on the subject.

The "Daily Telegraph" reports from Moscow that neither side wishes to comment on the conference. In any case, the pact is not yet ready for signing.

The "Daily Express" briefly refers to the plan of the military mission to Moscow. It says that Mr. Chamberlain early next week will read a statement in Commons agreed upon with the French and Soviet governments, announcing that staff conversations could be taken up immediately, since substantial progress had been made in political parleys. — Trans-Ocean.

PARIS CONFIDENT

Paris, To-day.

Quarters in close touch with the Quai d'Orsay continue to express confidence in the successful conclusion of the negotiations.

The report which the French Ambassador in Moscow, M. Naggiar, is expected to send to Paris as a result of yesterday's conference with Molotov, is awaited with keen interest.

The Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, yesterday received the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Campbell, for an exchange of information on the course of the Anglo-Franco-Soviet negotiations. — Trans-Ocean.

THREE MILLION LOAN NOT YET SIGNED

London, To-day.

The report from Chungking of signature of an agreement for a new British export credit loan of £3,000,000 to China, is stated in London to be not quite correct.

The negotiations which have been proceeding for some months have not yet concluded, and nothing has been signed. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Moscow, To-day.

After yesterday's discussion between Molotov and the British and French Ambassadors, an official communique was issued. It states that no agreement has yet been reached. The conversations will be continued shortly.

Neither Soviet Russian nor British quarters deny or confirm the assertion that the forthcoming general staff talks were discussed. — Trans-Ocean.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OBSTACLES SURMOUNTED

"Le Temps" says that the latest conference has not served to clear up all difficulties.

Writing apparently on the strength of information derived from the French Foreign Office, the paper states that it would be going too far to presume that negotiations in Moscow have entered upon their final stages.

What could be said, is that the negotiators have succeeded in surmounting the psychological obstacles which had been holding up the progress of the talks.

Undoubtedly, "Le Temps" continues, there is urgent need of bringing the talks to a conclusion in order to avoid being caught at

REPORTS OF NEW "PURGE"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A NEW "PURGING ACTION" IN SOVIET RUSSIA HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE COMMENT IN LONDON, AS IT COINCIDES WITH THE ANGLO-FRENCH DECISION TO OPEN MILITARY CONVERSATIONS WITH MOSCOW.

This morning's papers refrain from comment and simply report a special decree, according to which 79 officers of the Soviet army, navy and air force and high officials have been deprived of decorations and other distinctions.

This means, according to the Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," that they may have to face charges of treason or counter-revolutionary activities.

The high percentage from the Far Eastern Army and Administration is particularly noteworthy. — Trans-Ocean.

SINO-AMERICAN INSTITUTE

The Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations held its third luncheon meeting to-day at the Hong Kong Hotel. General Wu Tachen, the former governor of Kwangtung Province, was the guest of honour and speaker.

A distinguished gathering attended, including Sir Shouson Chow, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Doo Yuet-sen, Dr. Andrew Lee, Mr. Wang Shao-lai, Admiral Chen Chak, Mr. O. K. Yui, Mr. S. T. Bitting and Mr. P. K. Chu, the general secretary of the institution.

Miss E. Souza, of No. 39, Granville Road, was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for driving her car, No. 3456, with inefficient brakes in Castle Peak Road on July 2.

a disadvantage by events which may occur at any time. Yet it is essential to know exactly the extent of one's commitments. — Trans-Ocean.



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THE GOVERNOR ON TOKYO

His Excellency the Governor's statement in Legislative Council yesterday, dealing with the apprehensions which have revealed themselves as a result of the preliminary agreement reached in Tokyo between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Minister, will command the closest attention. Not the less so because the occasions must be exceeding rare when Hong Kong Governors have made direct reference to the foreign policy of the Imperial Government, and even rarer when the reference has been made under such circumstances.

The necessity for the step, too, is worthy of remark. Whatever may have contributed to the wide-spread anxiety regarding the precise meaning of the agreement, the existence of this disquiet was obviously of so compelling a nature that a categorical assurance was desirable. That it was possible to give it was significant and enlightening.

Sir Geoffrey very naturally firmly upholds the British Government's interpretation of the agreement, that the declaration does not and cannot change the British Government's policy in China. Those words, he told the Council, mean exactly what they say: no more, no less.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that the statement will have the desired effect. We ourselves have criticised the agreement, mainly in the spirit that it is open to so many interpretations, and so susceptible to suspicious and suggestions damaging to British prestige.

As we said yesterday, the correct interpretation might well to-

day have less validity in assaying its worth than the reactions it has produced in people's minds. It is noteworthy that newspapers in the United States, quite friendly towards Great Britain, which have criticised their own government for failing to give the British Government adequate co-operation in the Far East, have expressed the opinion that the effect of the agreement is to concede to Japan belligerent rights in the Far East. That this is as far from the truth as it could possibly be does not imply wilful misrepresentation. It is a judgment conscientiously formed from a reading of the official formula, and that being so, the evil lies not in the manner in which the formula has been construed, but in its own ambiguous phraseology.

Assiduous Japanese and Axis propaganda has contributed its share to the damage done; but it is more than ordinary propaganda when the official spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office makes himself responsible for the statement that Mr. Chamberlain's interpretation of the formula is his own; that Japan will soon give an integral interpretation.

Sir Geoffrey's statement is reassuring, however. It being accepted that the British Government's policy is unchanged by the agreement, its application to the situation on the spot can be awaited with equanimity. Nothing is more certain that the Japanese Army purposes to interpret the formula in their roughshod fashion. Equal determination by the British Government alone can correct their misunderstanding and others' misgivings. The agreement will then be seen in its most satisfactory light, a form of words, changing nothing.

* * * "Other Times . . ."

It is a temptation when we read every day of new outrages committed by the Japanese in China on British subjects, to look back to Palmerston's greatest speech in the Commons, that of June, 1850, in which occurred the "Civis Romanus" sentence, so often quoted and which made Peel, who had actually spoken against Palmerston in the debate, say, "It has made us all proud of him." The speech lasted nearly five hours, and the chief point in it was his defence of his action in the case of Don Pacifico, a Gibraltar Jew and a British subject, whose house had been sacked by a mob in Athens. He demanded compensation; the matter dragged on for some time until Palmerston's patience was exhausted. The British Fleet was ordered to the Piræus on the refusal of the Greek Government to satisfy the claims of this British subject, and finally Greece yielded. Palmerston's action shocked the Courts of Europe, but as Bright says in "The Growth of Democracy," "from those who regarded England as the guardian and champion of the great idea of liberty, the policy could scarcely fail to elicit warm admiration."

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"THE BEST POLICY"

IN Amritsar, the Holy City of the Sikhs, there dwells an old man about whom, when idle tongues wag, there is much gossip and speculation. He is a kindly-looking old man, with a copious beard that flows down to his ample stomach, and a benign expression upon his multiple-seamed face.

At his business he is good. His business is to sell curios, cunningly wrought in brass, iron, and strange, scented woods. They are cleverly made, these curios, by past masters in the art of making Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Burmese native products. These past-masters in this interesting art live, for the most part, in Birmingham, but that does not matter. The old man, whose name is (according to himself) Ghopal Ghunn, sells them with the air of a benevolent one who has learned the blessedness of giving all his worldly goods to the poor and needy. So impressively was this done that his customers neither knew nor cared that he charges for his Birmingham ware rather more than double even the normal price charged in the bazaars for such stuff. By which it will be seen that Ghopal Ghunn is a business man of some considerable ability. If any doubt that, then this story, in which he plays a not inconsiderable part, will certainly prove it.

From whence Ghunn came across the frontier into the Punjab nobody knows. It is said alternatively that he is an Afridi

further stimulated by many years of residence in India—well, the result can be better imagined than described. The General was just like that. But he was also very much a *pukka-sahib*, as everyone who had any dealings with him was quick to recognise.

The name of the General's niece was Moira O'Shea. It is a pretty name—and she looked every inch of it. She had all the characteristics of the female-Irish developed to the same extent to which the General himself had the male ones. And the characteristics of the female are invariably more pleasant than the characteristics of the male (except only on the Amazon). All of which just means that Moira O'Shea was a beauty—with eyes as blue as the heavens, a mouth that was made for kissing, a figure that would have turned Venus green with envy, and a laugh like the tinkling of fairy-bells.

And she had a way with her! The General was as fierce an old fire-eater as could be found in the whole of India. Indeed, so far as contemporary records can inform us, there was only one to beat him at it—and that was his wife. She was the only person in the world of whom the General was afraid. She had the tongue of a Billingsgate fish-wife,

the corner of her pretty little mouth) to interview the General.

Then Slype found that the rose-lined path ended in rocky ground, a shaking quagmire, and an unscalable wall of granite!

The *box-wallah* went into that interview with the strut of a peacock—and emerged crawling on his belly, like a slightly shop-soiled serpent.

For the General looked at him much as a high-caste Brahmin would look at a slice of roast pork. He looked at him like that for some time. When he spoke it was to explain to Slype, in a very clear and distinct tone, certain things about his niece. This was followed by an exhaustive lecture on Slype himself, in the course of which the General indulged in a descriptive outline (with some details filled in) of Slype's appearance, character, peculiarities of birth, upbringing, immediate future, and ultimate destination. When Slype retired, in the manner aforementioned, he had (despite the fact that his intelligence was not his strongest point) a very clear idea that the General did not approve of him as a nephew-in-law, and that the suggested union would not be permitted. This, apart from the chastening effect of the General's personal opinion of him, reduced him to as near to the lowest depths of despair as such a bumptious, conceited, selfish individual could be brought.

He tried hard to comfort himself by visualising that big, husky, red-faced flat-footed female sergeant-major who was Mrs. General O'Shea as an aunt-in-law, and assuring himself that really he had had a very lucky escape. But that didn't weigh much against the charm and beauty of Moira, and so the wheeze didn't work. He groaned aloud in spirit.

And then, like an Arabian Nights genie, Ghopal Ghunn stepped in. He knew, of course, in his usual mysterious way, not only just what had happened, but many of the words the General had used in private to his would-be nephew-in-law. (This was, perhaps, not so much to be wondered at when one remembered that the General's voice, when in anger, would have made that of the Bull of Bashan sound like the softer notes of a whispering-crooner!)

Ghunn was something of a psychologist in his way. He knew that Slype, being a boulder such as he was, would seek to rehabilitate himself in his own eyes by a visit to the House of Delight behind the Bazaar, where soft-eyed *houris* would flatter him and make much of him because of the rupees that were his. So it was as he was coming from that place of relaxation that the old curio-seller intercepted him, and stopped him with a low salaam, such as brought some sort of comfort to the sacrificed soul of the *box-wallah*.

"*Sahib*," commenced the old ruffian, without further preamble, "it has come to the ears of thy servant, as many things do, that this day thou hast sought the consent of the General-sahib

to mate with that Rose of Paradise who is his niece, and that the General-sahib, whom may Allah confound, refused that consent with many bitter oburgations and nameless insults! Forgive my presumption, *Sahib*, but it is in my mind that with Allah's aid I may help thee in this matter. What dost thou propose as the next step in thy courtship?"

Whereas Slype, a trifle comforted by the evident respect with which Ghunn addressed him, and intrigued at the idea of some sort of help, shrugged his narrow shoulders and answered:

"What the hell can I do, Ghunn? The old—!"

"May Allah, the All-Wise and All-Powerful, wither the entrails within him!" responded Ghunn, piously. "But as to what thou canst do, *Sahib*, that is somewhat a matter of what this maiden, who is fairer than the summer dawn, is worth to thee—in rupees, I mean?"

"Almost anything!" was the quick reply. "And you know I am not a poor man, O Ghopal Ghunn!"

"That I know, O *Sahib*—and it is well; it is not that I want money for myself. To help the *Sahib*, and to bring to this lovely maiden so handsome a bridegroom, would in itself be sufficient reward for thy servant. But the aid of others must be sought, and these others will have to be paid!"

"And so they shall—and handsomely, too!" cried the now much-stimulated Slype. "Tell me the wheeze, Ghunn—and name the price. It is yours before you ask for it!"

Whereupon Ghunn outlined his wily-scheme. It seemed that, to the glory of Allah, the All-Beneficent, he had dealings with many strange, and sometimes bad men. In this way he knew, and had been of service to, many bandits. Now, it would be quite easy (provided a sufficient number of rupees were forthcoming) to obtain the services of one of these, with

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Short Story By Lady Margaret Fulton

who was once responsible for the decimation by blowing-up of a whole British battalion, and that he is a Pathan who slew a high-up British officer because he loved his wife. But this is mere idle and slanderous gossip. Only two things are certain about Ghunn—that there is sometimes a light in those dark eyes of his (set a little too closely to a nose the aggressiveness of which is not quite in keeping with the benevolence of his countenance) which is almost monkey-like in its cunning, and that, in rare moments of annoyance, he breathes forth strings of oaths which belong to the hill country north of Kandahar.

Now, Ghunn had, amongst other strange qualities, a wonderful flair for the acquisition of strange information, usually of an intimate nature, concerning the white residents in Amritsar. How he came by this knowledge no one could ever tell, (the unkind said that he was in league with the evil spirits, whom he used as a sort of private detective agency—but that again is idle gossip). The fact remains that he had it—and that his information was very diverse, and always accurate.

And that was how he came to know all about young Slype and the General's niece.

The General's name was O'Shea, and from that it may be gathered that he was an Irishman. The significance of that lies in the fact that all Irishmen have hot tempers, and when these are

the muscles of a navvy, the fist of a prizefighter, and the pluck of a bantam-cock. She had also two enormous dogs, apparently crossed between bloodhound and Great Dane, upon whom she lavished all her affections. Which was more than anyone else did.

Septimus Slype was very much like his name. He was by no means a *pukka-sahib*. He was, in fact, a *box-wallah* and therefore socially not in the same class as the Army and Civil Service people. The fact that his father was one of the richest business men in Amritsar made no difference to this.

In appearance young Slype was a trifle fat, very pasty, and prone to pimples. In fact he looked rather like an under-done suet pudding, and had a mind to match.

His most prominent characteristic was a fine conceit of himself, and it was this, no doubt, which led him to raise his goggling, bleary eyes to the radiant beauty of Moira O'Shea.

Satan, it is said, finds mischief for the idle; and Moira, having time on her hands when Slype managed to scrape acquaintance, decided that it would be fun to "lead him up the garden." This she did very cleverly, and it was a garden of roses indeed to the eager feet of Slype. Until she decided she had had about enough of him, and, telling him that she would certainly marry him forthwith if only her uncle and guardian would consent, sent him off with her blessing (given out of

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

"Good party last night, wasn't it?"

"Er—yes—I suppose so. Somehow I don't seem to remember things very clearly. I've got a vague recollection of somebody wearing a fox."

"Yes. That was you."

"Oh, I see. Tell me, Philip—do you remember me being dropped head downwards from a great height on to a concrete floor, by any chance?"

"Slight headache, eh?"

"Philip—I wish I had your flair for understatement. I feel as though I had lived on an exclusive diet of iron filings and broken glass for the last five years. What amazes me is that you seem to be

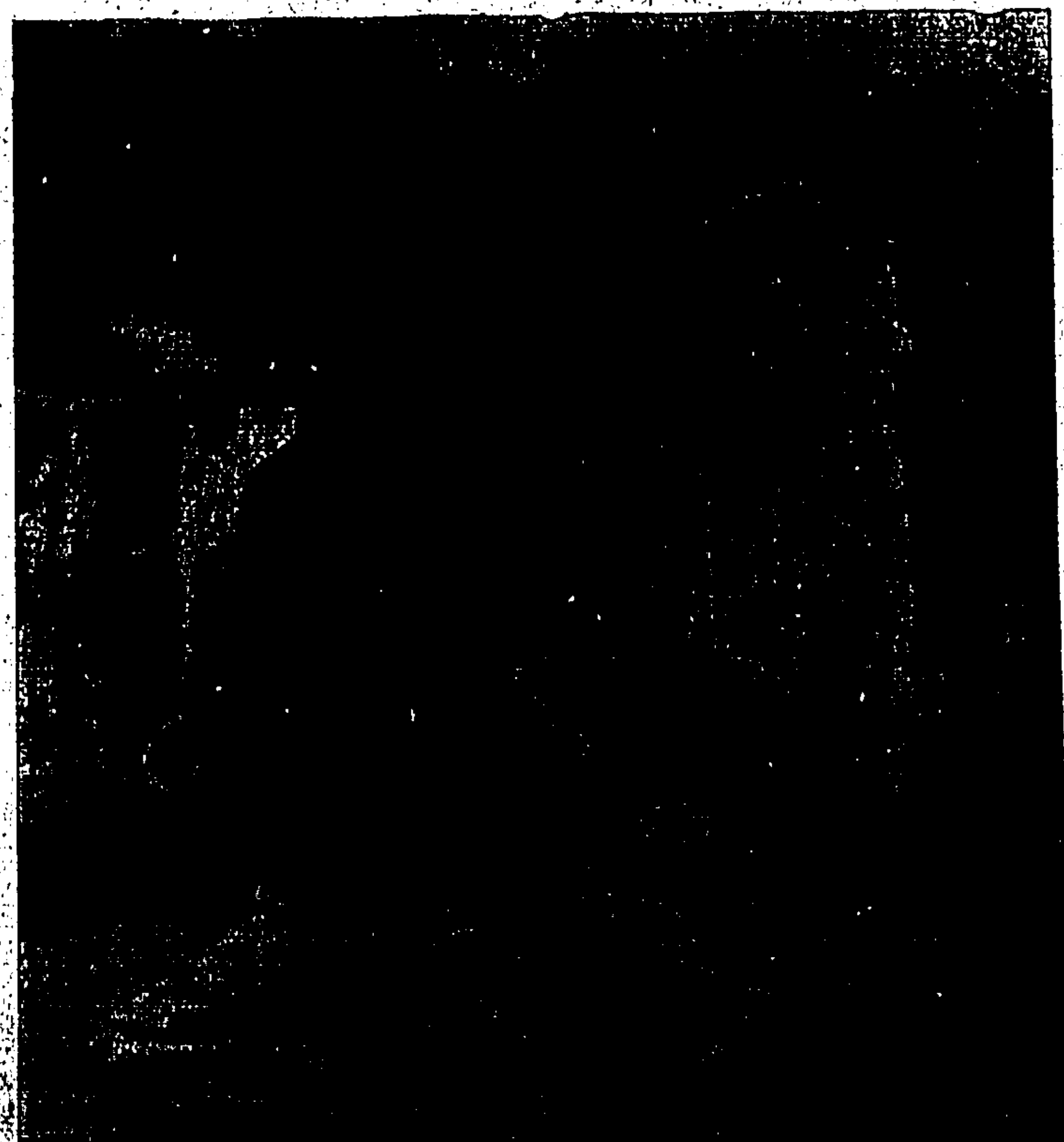
so disgustingly cheerful and bright this morning."

"I know. It must be very exasperating. A medicine man warned me to stick to 'Gimlets' at parties. So I always take the precaution of bringing my own bottle of Rose's Lime Juice. You may cock a sceptical eyebrow, Edwin—but it works."

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"Why—oh why—didn't you tell me this last night?"



J. Orem, the Police First Division skip, about to roll his wood in the Police-Recreation "B" Lawn Bowls match at the Valley on Saturday. F. X. Soares is also seen in the picture.



Some of those who watched last Saturday's Baseball game between U.B. and the U.S.S. Mindanao.



Another scene during the argument over ground rules at the U. B. Mindanao baseball game last Saturday.



A scene at the Recreio "B"-Police bowls match last Saturday at the Valley. The game was abandoned at the 18th head owing to rain.



R. F. Lux of Recreio directing his skip in the Bowls game against Indian Recreation Club at Sockunpoo on Saturday while A. R. Minu looks anxiously on.

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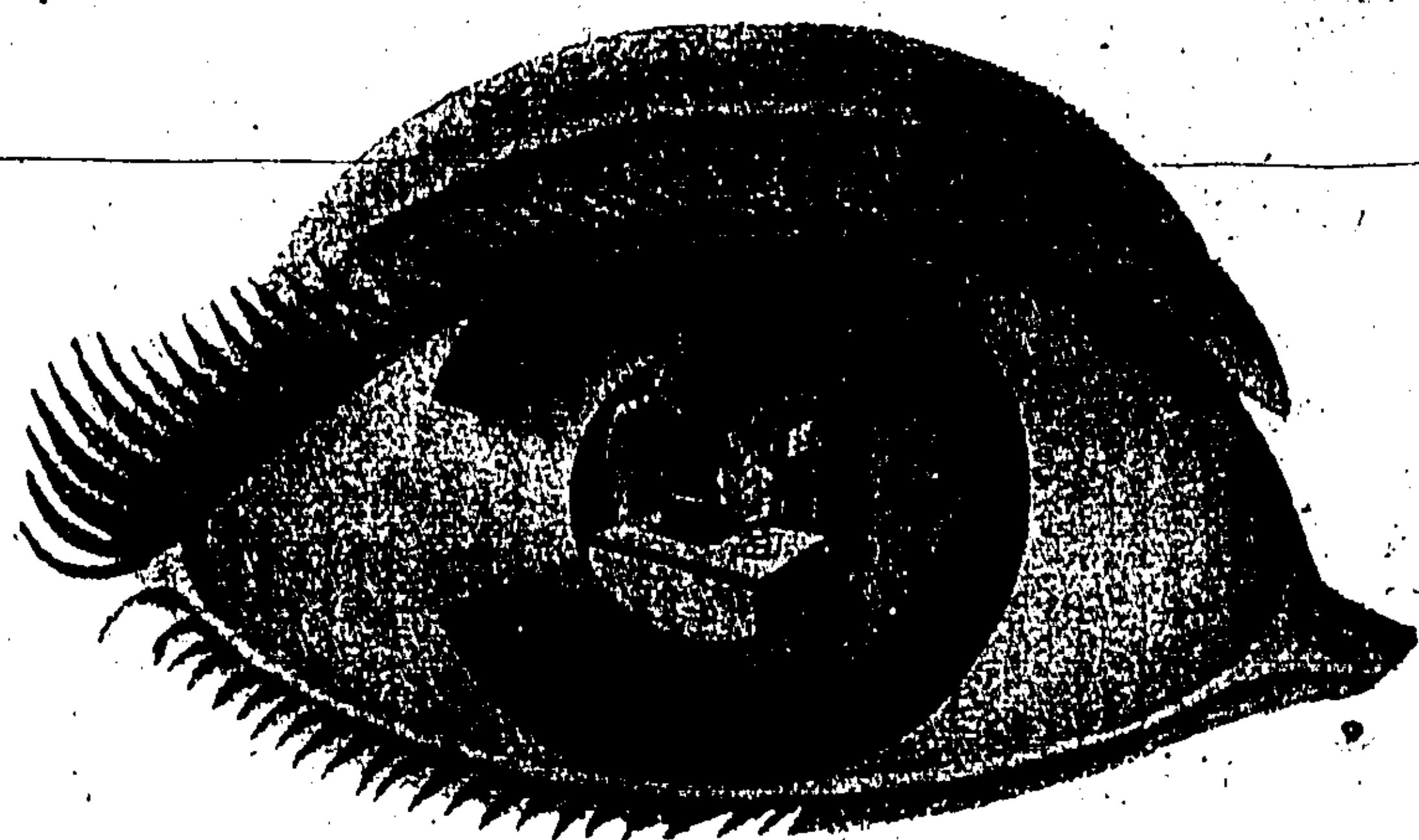
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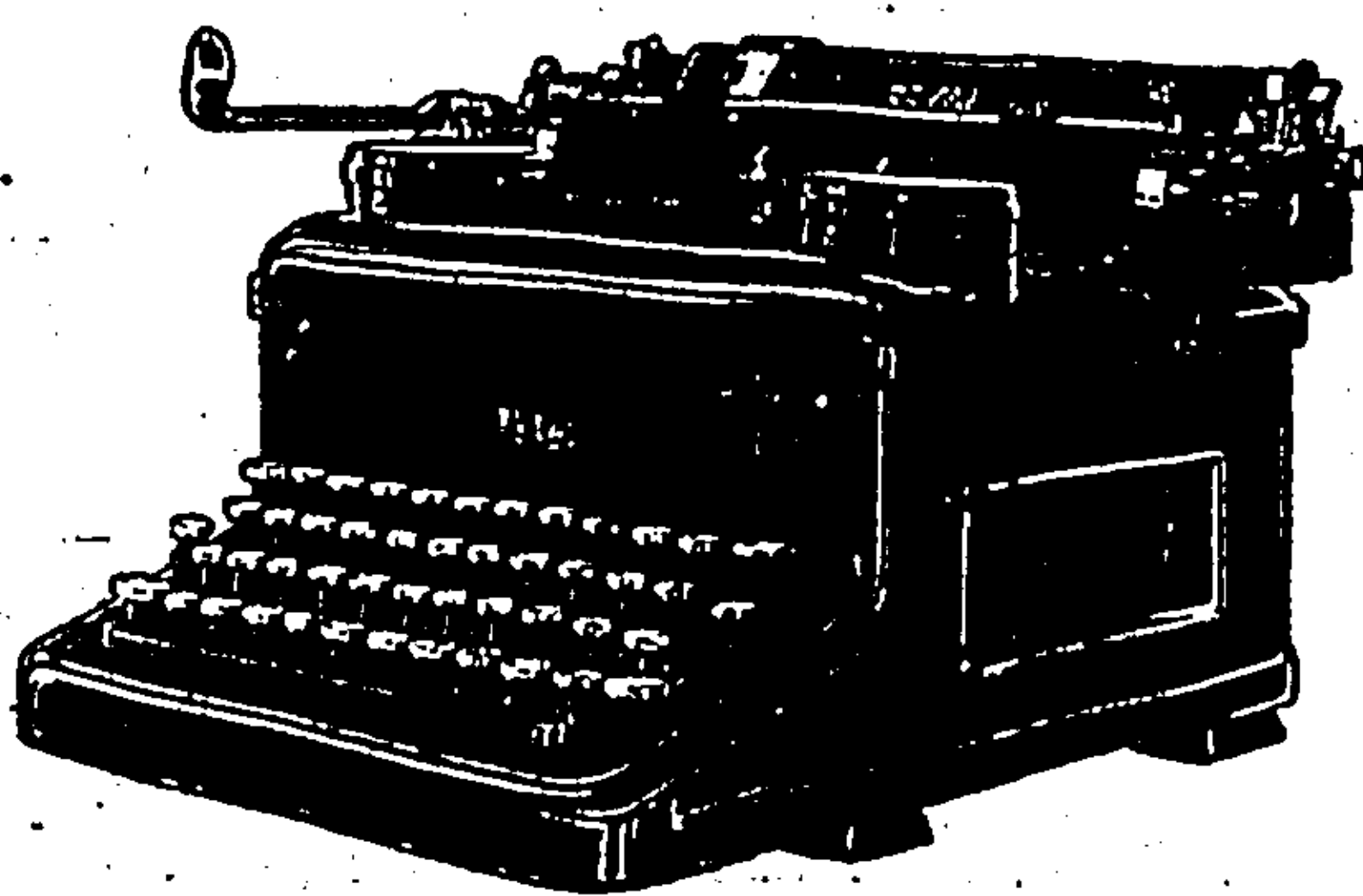


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ALL RIGHT, YA LITTLE RUNT! SPEAK YOUR PIECE, AN' IT BETTER BE GOOD!

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HUH?

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BUT THE BUCCANEERS, WHO HAVE REASONS TO DISLIKE THEIR SELF-APPOINTED CHIEF, LEAP FOR COVER AS THEY HURL A HARSH DEFIANCE, AND ONE OF THEM DRAWS A BEAD ON TOMMY.

THAT GUY TAILSPIN'S RIGHT IN LINE FER A BULL'S-EYE! HERE GOES.

GOT 'IM!

BUT AT THIS JUNCTURE, BILGEWATER BILL LETS GO A BLAST FROM BEHIND.

AHOY, TH HOUSE! YOU CAN COME OUT, NOW! WE GOT THESE BAD EGGS ON ICE!

YUH DOUBLE-CROSSIN' LITTLE RAT!

IFN MY HANDS WEREN'T TIED, I'D.

JUST AS TOMMY AND SKEETER HERDED THEIR PRISONERS INTO THE HOUSE, THE HURRICANE, WHICH HAD JUST BEEN PLAYING AROUND SKELETON KEY, STRUCK WITH ALL ITS FURY, BENDING PALM TREES ALMOST TO THE GROUND AND SWEEPING TOMMY OFF HIS FEET!

IN AN AGONY OF FEAR, TOM CALLS TO BETTY-LOU, HANK AND JERRY, AS HE STAGGERS DOWN THE TRAIL TOWARD THE BEACH!

BETTY-LOU! HANK! JERRY!

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FURTHER AGAINST

ACTION JAPAN?

Hint Given By Secretary Of U.S. Treasury

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, stated yesterday that the Treasury would study the question of future purchases of gold and silver from Japan in the light of abrogation of the Treaty of Commerce.

The Treasury would also give a "fresh look" at the question of imposing higher duties on Japanese cloth as a countervailing measure to the export subsidies alleged to be paid by the Japanese Government.

WAR RISK INSURANCE FEASIBILITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO EXAMINE THE PRACTICABILITY OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME OF WAR RISKS INSURANCE, WILL BE:

Viscount Weir,
Sir Ernest Harvey,
Sir Walter Benton,
Sir William Clark-Lees and
Sir Alan Rae Smith.

Announcing the names in the House of Commons yesterday. Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said he hoped to convene a conference on the matter in the next few days.

After this it would proceed with its enquiries under the chairmanship of Viscount Weir.—Reuter.

MUTUAL PROTECTION

London, To-day.

In a written Parliament reply on the possibility of evolving a scheme for mutual protection against the risk of war damage to fixed property in private ownership, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Captain Crookshank, announced the names of those who had agreed to assist the government by forming the conference which was announced in the House of Commons on July 17. — British Wireless.

FORMER AUSTRIAN MINISTER KILLED

Vienna, To-day.

Dr. Wilhelm Wolf, who was Austria's last Foreign Minister, was killed in a motorcar accident which occurred near St. Poelten yesterday.

The accident was caused by the bursting of a front wheel tyre. The driver was also killed.

Dr. Wolf, who was born in Bludenz on January 17, 1897, became a collaborator of Dr. Seyss-Inquart and was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in the last Austrian Government after the resignation of Dr. Schuschnigg.—Trans-Ocean.

Meanwhile, according to the Dow Jones agency, there is considerable speculation in Congress circles whether denunciation of the treaty with Japan might foreshadow invocation of the Neutrality Act in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Such action would automatically cut off supplies of American munitions both to China and Japan.

Curtailement of American gold and silver purchases would be a serious blow to Japan, which in the past two years has sold the United States \$415,000,000 of gold and over \$4,000,000 of silver.—Reuter.

POLITICAL MOVE

New York, To-day.

Abrogation of the American-Japanese economic and amity agreement is interpreted by the "New York Times" as a definite political move to demonstrate to Japan, America's determination to maintain her interests in the Far East and not to capitulate before the Japanese demands.

Recalling the parallel case at the time of the French Revolution, when French raids on American merchant ships were carried out, the paper points out that retaliation measures were at that time identical.

American prestige in the Orient will be energetically maintained.

The decision to abrogate the agreement was accelerated by certain incidents which have occurred in China during recent days.

According to a report of American Naval Headquarters, an American naval officer, Mr. Baker, was assaulted and arrested a few days ago in Hankow by a Japanese guard and two American soldiers were struck by Japanese yesterday in Peiping.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON AND U.S. ACTION

London, To-day.

The abrogation of the Treaty of Commerce between U.S. and Japan has created much interest in London official circles. It is added that no opinion can be expressed on the matter till the British Government has been officially notified.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN URGED TO FOLLOW U.S. ACTION

London, To-day.

The executive committee of the League of Nations Union has passed a resolution calling on the Government to follow the lead of the United States by giving notice to terminate the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty.—Reuter.

SOVIET VIEW OF THE TOKYO AGREEMENT

Moscow, To-day.

The first Soviet comment on the Anglo-Japanese agreement appeared in the Moscow press yesterday.

It says: "British concessions to Japan will only lead to further whetting of the appetite of the Far Eastern aggressor, and will expedite the final elimination of British interests from all Japanese-occupied areas in China."—Reuter.

Kunming, To-day.

Monsignor Mario Zanin, Apostolic Delegate to China, entrained for Hanoi yesterday to return to Hong Kong.—Central News.

Common Policy Demand

London, To-day.

THE "Daily Herald," referring to the "momentous developments in the Far Eastern policies of both British and American Governments," says that on the face of things there is little appearance of consultation, co-operation or common policy.

On many previous occasions, the assurances has been given of full continuous consultation with the United States in the Far East.

Does that assurance still hold? The question is one that should be pressed in the House of Commons in the forthcoming foreign affairs debate. — Reuter.

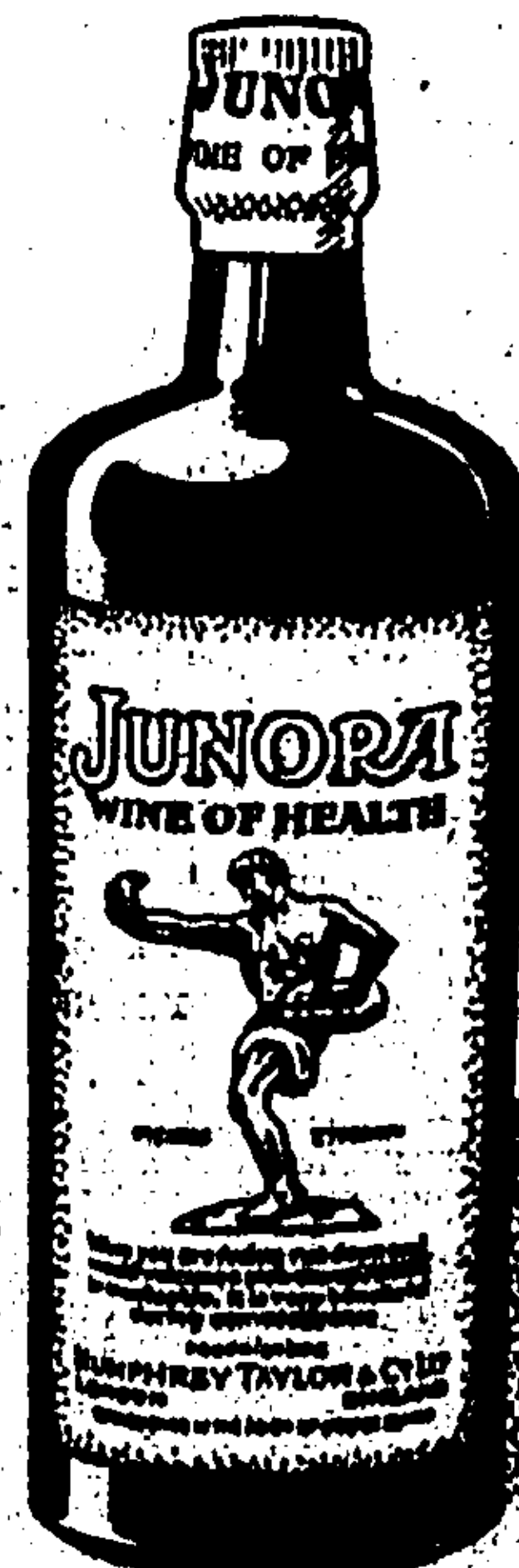
Paris, To-day.

The French Ambassador to Spain, Marshal Petain, who has just spent a few days in South France inspecting the Republican Spanish refugee camps, returned to Spain yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

"AN OLD FRIEND" RETURNS!

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"MAN WITH SLOUCH" HELD IN I.R.A. CASE

Nation-Wide Hunt After King's Cross Explosion

Hampton Court Palace Now Menaced

London, To-day.

Five men, including "The Man With The Slouch," whose description was circulated to every police force in Britain following the King's Cross bomb explosion as being the person likely to be able to assist the police, have been detained. The detentions followed a nationwide police hunt in which thousands of detectives were engaged, in consequence of the death of Dr. Donald Campbell as a result of the explosion.

Dr. Campbell had just returned to England from the Continent with his wife and they were proceeding to Edinburgh, where Dr. Campbell is a lecturer at the University. Mrs. Campbell was seriously injured by the explosion.

Scores of houses in London were visited by the police and in the provincial centres a big comb-out took place in areas where I.R.A. sympathisers are known to live, especially in Liverpool.

HAMPTON COURT WARNING

In the meantime, even more stringent precautions are being taken at railway station luggage offices and elsewhere, including Hampton the local police station of a post-Court, following the receipt at card containing the warning:

**CLEAR HAMPTON COURT
PALACE RESIDENTS OUT. WE
DON'T WANT TO KILL WOMEN.**
—REUTER.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, in a statement on the explosions at King's Cross Station, Victoria Station and Liverpool said that no effort would be spared to bring to justice those who were guilty of these criminal and cowardly attacks.

He was sure the House would join with him in expressing the deepest sympathy with those who had suffered in these and other outrages and with their families.

BILL IN LORDS

Mr. Chamberlain added that he was informed that the Prevention of Violence Bill would pass through all its stages to-day (Friday) in the House of Lords and that, in view of the importance of the earliest possible passage of the measure, he proposed to ask the House to agree to the suspension of the four o'clock rule as a precautionary measure so that there might be time for consideration of any Lords' amendments and that the

bill might then be ready for the Royal Assent.—British Wireless.

WOMAN BELIEVED INVOLVED IN VICTORIA EXPLOSION

London, To-day.

Scotland Yard detectives have been carrying out raids at the known haunts of Irishmen in London and claim to be on the track of the men responsible for the outrages.

The outrage at Victoria station is said to have been committed by a woman terrorist, who is known to have played a prominent part in the I.R.A. organisation.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, who is sponsoring the Violence Bill, is depicted in press photographs escorted by an armed detective.—Trans-Ocean.

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

London, To-day.

A number of arrests in connection with the bomb outrages ascribed to the I.R.A. have been made in Liverpool.

The personnel of various lonely railway posts has been equipped with arms, and all signal boxes on the main lines connecting London with the larger provincial towns, as well as all railway bridges, particularly those over the Thames, are closely guarded.—Trans-Ocean.

KEROSENE CONFISCATED

Li Shing, master of junk No. T2379H, has informed the Police that while sailing near Sam Mun customs station, towed by the steam launch "Tack Fu" about 1 p.m. on July 12, the junk was stopped by a Japanese armed trawler.

The junk was ordered to sail with the trawler to Canton, where the Japanese removed a cargo of kerosene to the value of \$30,000.

His junk was released on Tuesday.

FALL IN JAPANESE EXPORTS

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan's exports to South American countries during the first half of this year were 35 per cent. below the same period last year, according to Ministry of Finance figures issued yesterday.

Imports from South America rose by 56 per cent.—Reuter.

GELIGNITE EXPLOSION FRUSTRATED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SEVENTY-FOUR STICKS OF GELIGNITE WERE FOUND ATTACHED TO A PYLON CARRYING ELECTRIC WIRES IN A FIELD AT DOWNHOLLAND, NEAR ORMSKIRK, TWO MILES FROM THE SCENE OF THE BRIDGE EXPLOSION EARLIER YESTERDAY.

Two farm labourers found the bundles of gelignite connected to a battery and an alarm clock, two hours before they were timed to go off.

Following the discovery, police are examining all pylons in the district.—Reuter.

GAMELIN INSPECTS FORTIFICATION

Paris, To-day.

The Chief of the French General Staff, General Gamelin, completed his extensive inspection of the new fortifications along the Alsation-German frontier yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

ALLEGED LEADER OF GUERRILLAS

Shanghai, To-day.

Wong Pak-chi has been arrested by the French police at the request of the Japanese, who allege that Wong is a guerilla leader.

The arrest was made at noon yesterday at the Tung Cheong Hotel, Rue Avenue Joffre. — Our Own Correspondent.

FORGED CHOLERA CERTIFICATE

Charged with possession of a forged Cholera Immunisation Certificate, Li Po-kam, 25, was fined \$50 or six months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning.

Defendant said that he got the certificate from the Taishan wharf. It was alleged that the certificate had a false date on it.

EXPLOSION

Li Ming, fook of steamboat "Sing Tso," was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from burns, received when a gasoline tank exploded at about 8 p.m. last night off Tai On Street.

EXPULSION IDEA RESENTED

Rome, To-day.

Replying to comments of the French press upon the emigration of Germans from Tyrol, Signor Gayda, writing in the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" yesterday, declares that there could be no question of expulsions but only of voluntary re-settlement, protected and assisted by the two governments.

It is, however, natural, Signor Gayda says, that "Germans would want to settle again on the other side of Bernero on the old earth from whence they come, since to-day the whole German nation is united in one Reich where the constructive forces of National Socialism are giving all possibility of a quiet, industrious life."—Trans-Ocean.

RAINFALL WELL ABOVE NORMAL

With a further 1.06 inches of rain registered in the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, the total fall since the beginning of the year is now 66.40 inches, against an average of 51.28 inches.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 83 degrees, but at 10 a.m. to-day, the thermometer had already reached 82 degrees. Thunder weather is anticipated.

The Royal Observatory report states that a ridge of high pressure extends from Korea to the Pacific east of N. Japan. The Pacific depression is almost stationary, about 500 miles East of S. Formosa. A trough of low pressure has developed over Tongking and S. China.

TRIBUTE TO A.R.P. WORKERS

Sir,—Would you please be kind enough to allow me to express my grateful thanks to all those men and women who so magnificently responded to my request to undertake some public A.R.P. duty, or to participate in one of the many training A.R.P. exercises which were held last night. From my own personal observation, those duties were carried out with speed, efficiency and tact.

I am convinced that if the Colony is ever put to the acid test of war, the community will be as proud as I am of the efficiency of their A.R.P. volunteers.

Finally, may I proffer my sincere thanks to the general public, and to all public and private undertakings for their unstinted co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. STEELE-PERKINS.
A.R.P.O.

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Chan Wing-chuen, 20, by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for receiving a fountain pen, stolen from Dr. Z. H. Mieh, Hankow Road.

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PONY ENTITLED TO FREE "FIRST BITE"

A pony, like a dog or other "domestic animal," is entitled to its first bite free . . . That more or less sums up a judgment in the King's Bench Division.

A woman who was awarded £300 damages by a jury was denied that sum by the decision, given on legal grounds. The woman, Miss Ethel Aldham, of The Mall, Kensington, London, sued United Dairies (London), Ltd., for damages for injuries.

OUR TRADE OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING

Although all our hopes are frustrated time after time by political tension and difficulties, the outlook for British trade is now improving.

In that way Mr. Oliver Stanley, Board of Trade President, described Britain's position at Bletchley, Bucks. And improvement in trade is not entirely due to re-armament, he added.

"It is quite true that some of our increased prosperity is due to spending by the Government on armaments. But there is a solid basis of real trade recovery which, if only we were relieved from this tension, would restore us to a prosperity which we have not known for many years."

The Anglo-American barter agreement, said Mr. Stanley, represented no threat to commercial activities. In case of emergency it might be vital to our success.

30,000 PIGEONS IN RACE

Between 20,000 and 30,000 pigeons were released at Dover for a homing race. They went off in batches from the quayside at the end of Admiralty Pier, flying northwards to places in Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire. The race had been postponed for favourable weather.

DOCTORS DISCUSS

CRIME CAUSES

A joint permanent committee of magistrates and doctors may be set up to consider medical problems connected with crime. This recommendation was made at a joint meeting of representatives of the two bodies in London. Some interesting points were made.

Fear of a very strict husband, debts, staleness due to lack of holiday were named by Dr. F. J. O. Coddington, stipendiary magistrate of Bradford, Yorks, as contributory causes to offences by women.

Dr. F. W. Eurich, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Medicine, Leeds, dealing with cases where medical treatment had helped, mentioned a woman of maniacal tendencies who had too little sugar in her blood.

He had a quite definite impression that the fumes which got into a badly ventilated motorcar could produce symptoms of very mild poisoning which resulted in recklessness.

The mass expulsion of Polish Jews from Germany was resumed when men, women and children—numbering, according to one report, more than 400—were driven across the frontier by Gestapo agents at Zbaszyn.

Miss Aldham, who is fifty-five, said that as she was passing the pony, which had its fore-feet on the pavement, it "suddenly lunged and jabbed" at her, and grazed her face with its teeth. It then caught the lapel of her coat, forced her to the ground, dragged her towards the gutter, and as she lay there "pawed" her.

The jury accepted Miss Aldham's evidence. They also found that the company had no knowledge of the pony's likelihood to attack.

Mr. Justice Humphreys, giving judgment on legal points raised by the defence, said that to succeed, Miss Aldham had to prove injury due to negligence.

Judgment was entered for the company, with costs and a stay of execution granted.

WOMEN CAN'T FLY AFTER 30

"Once women reach the age of thirty they can never learn to fly," says Captain H. J. C. Gray, chief flying instructor of the Rand Flying Club, Johannesburg. "Otherwise, if a woman is young, healthy, keen, and indulges in a fair amount of sport—and has some intelligence—there is a fair chance of making a pilot of her."

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts:—
Man at Wood Green: My wife says I'm in debt again? Well, I'm prepared to forgive her.

Witness at Bow-street: This was a terrible accident. I've never seen a better.

Woman at South London: How my husband ever came to employ the man. I don't know. Although they both drink.



Some three hundred V.A.D.'s in camp at Winchester are taking courses in gas drill, first aid and other subjects and this picture shows some of the women during training. Nurses rush to help one of the V.A.D. as she lands from the top storey. A picture during a rescue demonstration.

HONOUR FOR ROYAL

DUCHESS

The Duchess of Gloucester is to become the first woman Honorary Freeman of the City of Gloucester. The City Council will pass a resolution conferring the honour on her Royal Highness and the presentation will take place at the Guildhall when the Duchess of Gloucester visits the city.

This will be the Duchess's first official visit to the city.

50,000 SPANIARDS MISSING

At least 50,000 men, women and children disappeared from Madrid during the Civil War period. The Franco Government has set up a bureau to investigate what happened to them.

FABLE OF TWO COWS

All "isms" are mad if you analyse them. Which you think is least objectionable depends on your viewpoint. Now try to pick one out of this lot:

Socialism. You have two cows; the Government makes you give one to your neighbour.

Communism. You have two cows and give both to the Government, who gives you the milk.

Fascism. You keep the cows, give the milk to the Government, who sells part back to you.

Nazism. The Government shoots you and takes both cows.

New Deal. The Government shoots one cow, milks the other and pours half the milk down the sink to keep the price up.

Capitalism. You sell one cow, buy a bull, leave the future to Providence, and the Government does NOTHING.

MATRIMONIALY SPEAKING

Matrimonial cases caused laughs in court:

Man at Tottenham: After she had bathed my eye, she said, "Do you realise we very nearly came to having our first quarrel?" I said I did.

Woman at South London: "We've been married ten years now. My husband met me on his last holiday."

Wife at Islington: Of course, my husband is getting on in years now. He remembers the General Strike.

Debtor at Marylebone: I am now in easier circumstances. I am separated from my wife.

Man at Bow-street: My wife have never been in a court of law before so she does not realise that here other people are allowed to answer back.

Witness at Hammersmith: I knew them before they were married. They have not changed a bit, except the chap has got a new . . .



"RAJ-PIARI", the baby Indian elephant and a favorite of the Children's Zoo does not possess a pool in his enclosure so the keepers have to give him a bath several times a day during the hot weather. Photo shows "Raj-Piari" down to it while receiving a well-earned bath.

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WHEN, a short time ago, Prince's Club in Knightsbridge closed its doors for the last time, there were commentators on life who deplored the passing of a unique bit of Victorian London, and actually pointed to it as one more indication of the approaching end of the world.

Certainly there was some reason for the sad eye and the burdened heart among clubmen of the fashionable world. Prince's was a great institution, with a history of some 80 years, an unblemished re-

It could boast that on its roll of members there were the names of four British monarchs, past and present. Prince's was the frequent haunt of King Edward VII, of King George V. of King Edward VIII, when he was Prince of Wales, and of King George VI, when he was Duke of York. It was always the pride of Prince's that every member knew every other member by his Christian name, and could say exactly what he liked about him with every twist of his vocabulary; but whether that rule were maintained in the case of royalty, history is silent.

* * *

But to suppose that clubland is doomed, and that the end of the "West End" world is due by reason of the disappearance of Prince's, is absurd. As long as choice varieties of humanity exist, so long will London have its clubs for all sorts and conditions of men.

They do not advertise their presence on Pall Mall or St. James's Street. Few of them have door plates, and behind their solemn facades they preserve an almost cloistral dignity and decorum. They had and have their own stern rules. At the National Club "family prayers" are said every morning, in the presence of members, the office staff, and the pages. Was it not the Alexandra Club, which for 50 years refused to admit

men to rooms of femininity, so that Alexandra was on and King Edward was kept waiting, message had been room?

King Edward's the Marlborough, Marlborough House

BY ERNEST RANN IN THE "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR"

cord for real tennis and rackets which had been established by the finest players in the world, and an atmosphere of superlative ton.

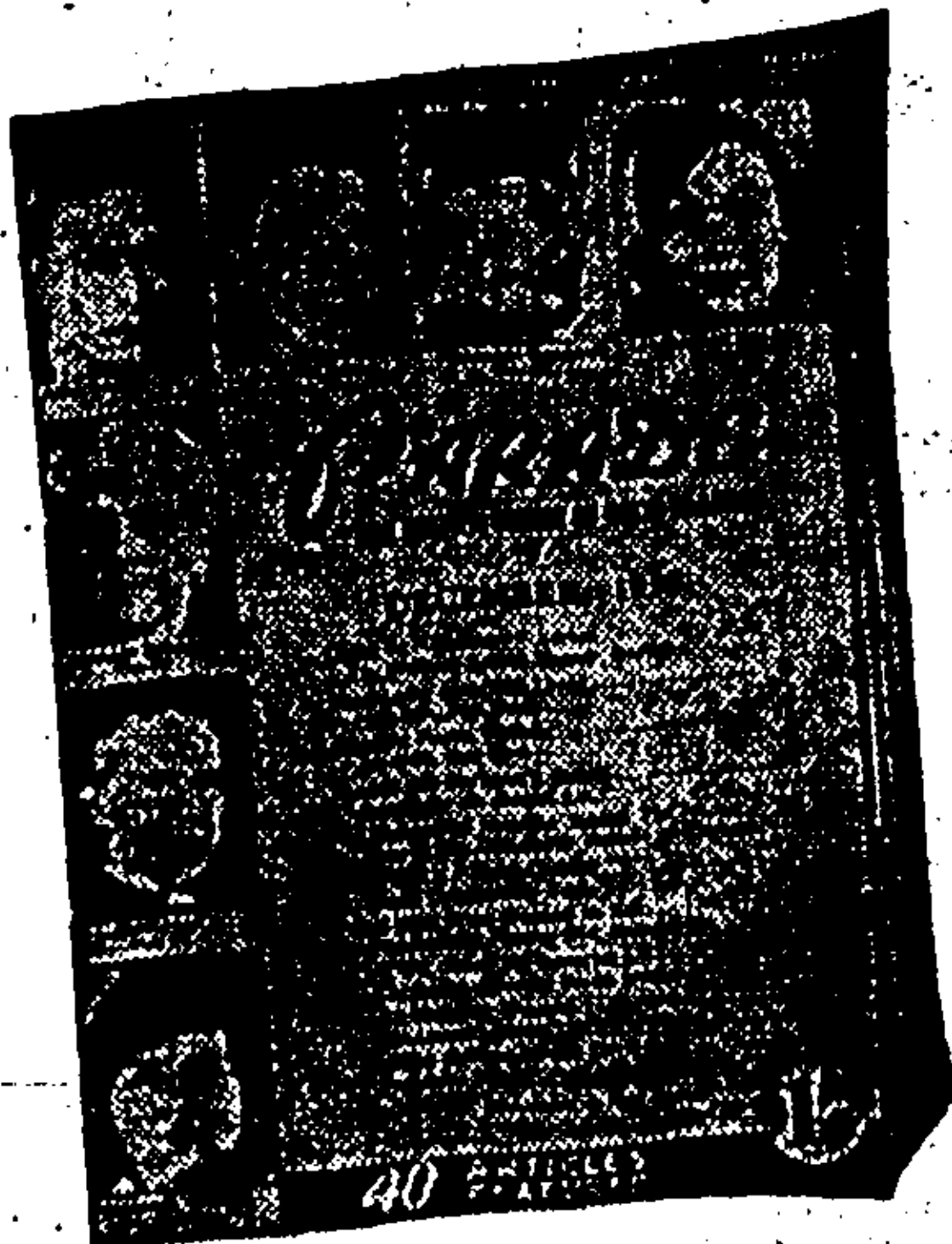
The first real strength of the Club was when the Guards were in Knightsbridge Barracks just opposite, and it was a standing order with them that Prince's was "in bounds," even for the orderly officer of the day, and as a consequence the Club was always crowded with members of the Brigade.

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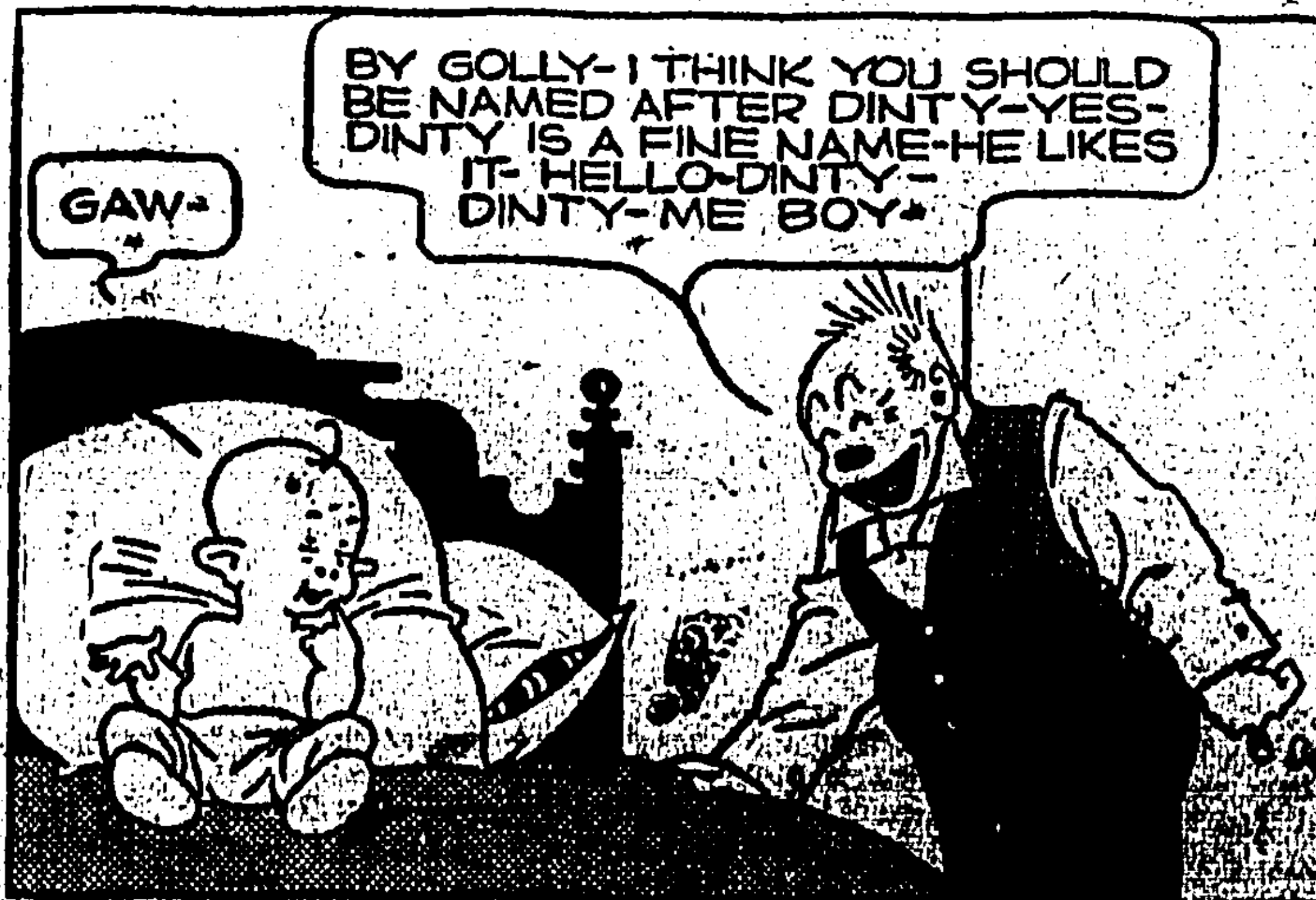
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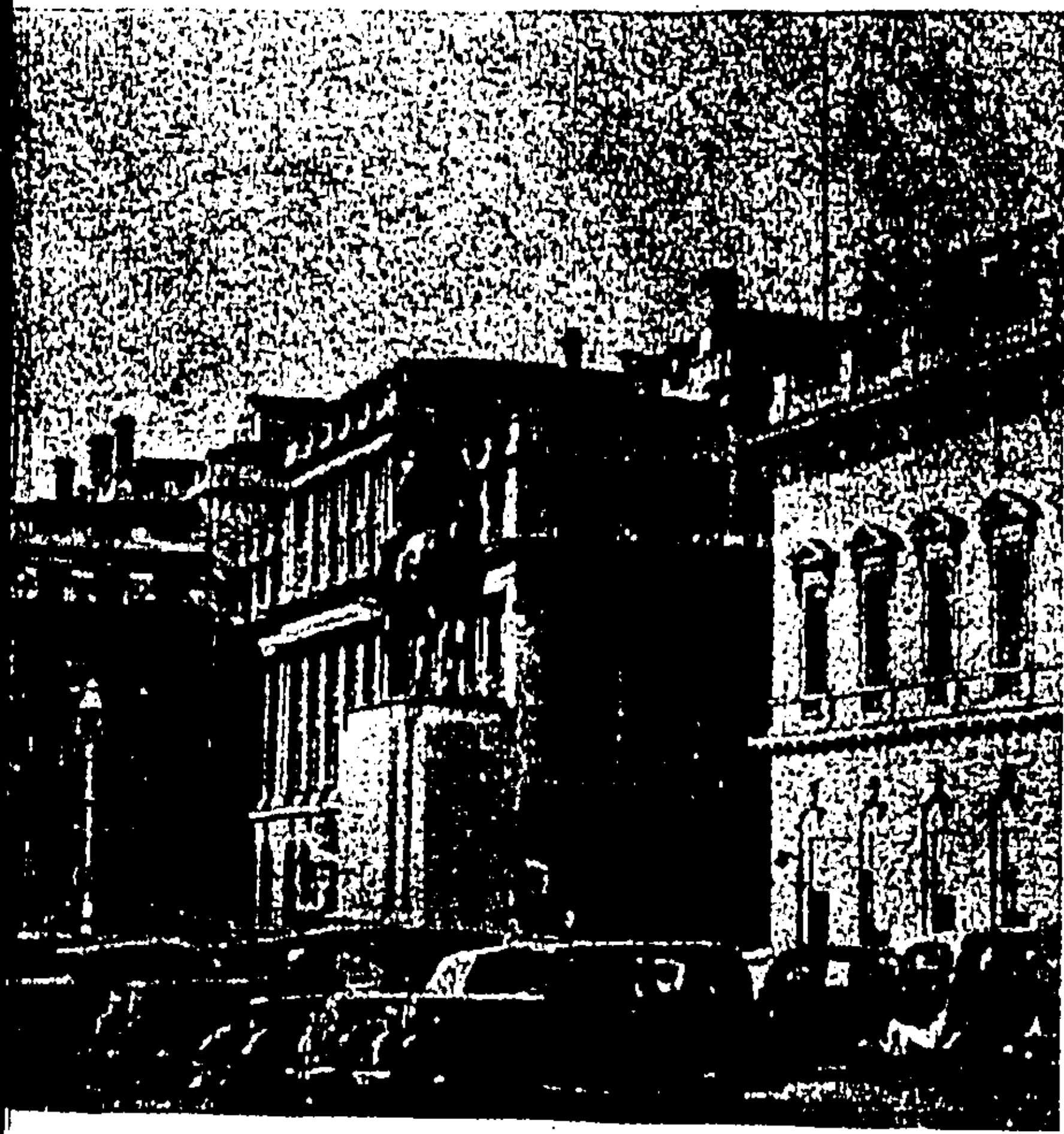
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The Athaeneum, a stately facade in London's clubland.

TOM RULES



An array of clubs in Waterloo Place.

long hallowed by club for the enjoyment of himself that when Queen and his friends. King George VI is also a member of the Marlborough — of that called for her, he and no other. The Duke of Gloucester, the King's brother, belongs to the Marlborough, too, and the Bath, the Cavalry, and Buck's; while the Duke of Connaught favours, next to the Marlborough, the United Services, the Army and Navy, the Guards', as befits an old soldier, and the Royal Automobile.

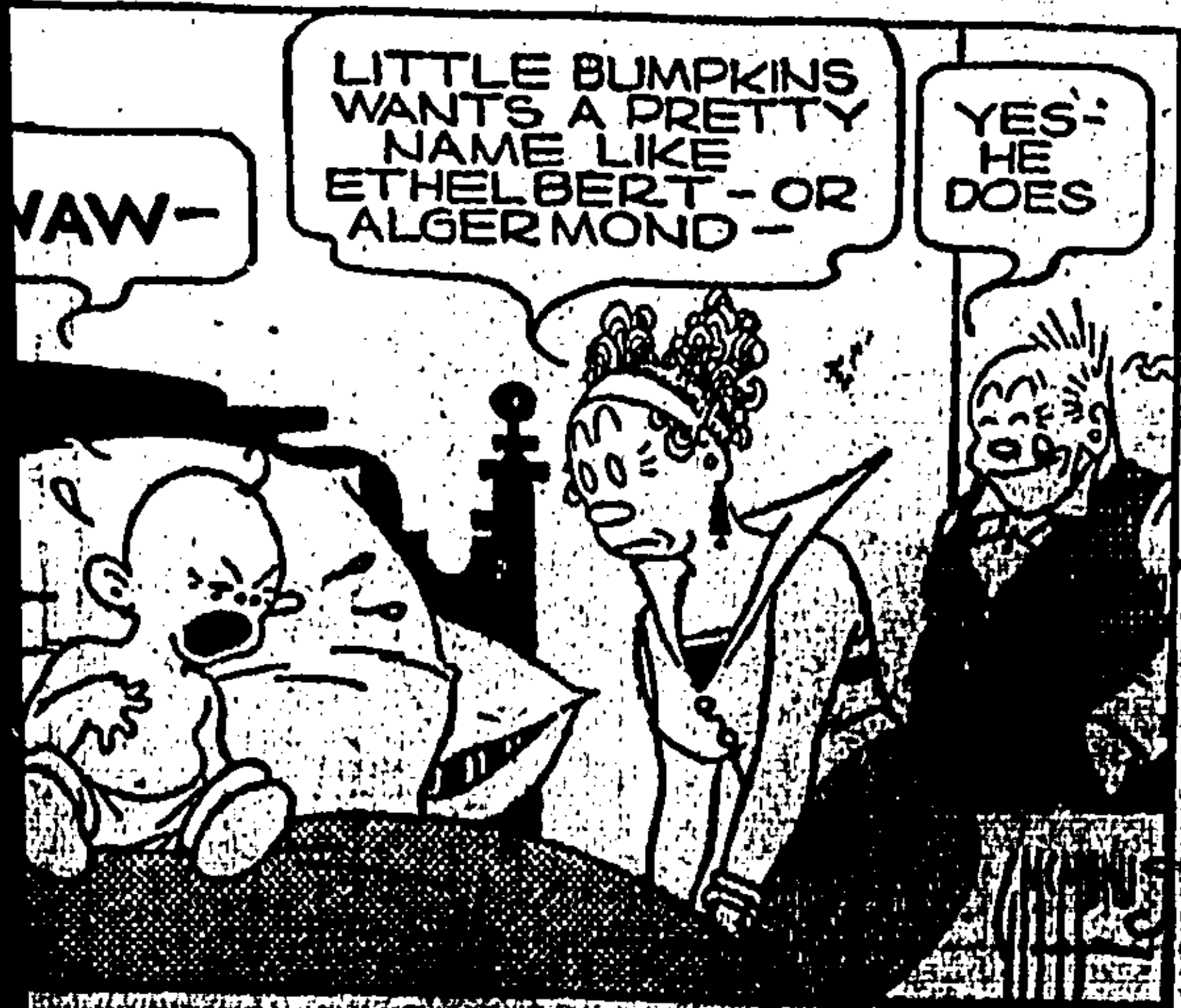
The Princess Elizabeth is often at the Bath Club for swimming practice, and here, in perhaps happier days, King Edward VIII (as Prince of Wales) was a frequent visitor, keen for a friendly game of squash.

But should a member of the Royal Family appear in a Royal club it must not be supposed that the "divinity (that) doth hedge a king" is forgotten. The story runs that when King Edward VII (then Prince of Wales) was sitting one day by the fire a too presumptuous fellow-member said, "Wales, touch the bell," "Wales" touched it, and when the waiter appeared the Prince remarked, "Waiter, kindly order this gentleman's carriage."

Foreign princes visiting London are made temporary members of the Marlborough, and its ties with royalty are very close, but against politics it sets a granite face, as the late Duke of Marlborough discovered to his chagrin when he gave a political luncheon to his cousin, Winston Churchill, and some 40 other persons—and invited reporters to be present. The Marlborough rocked to its foundations.

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By George McManus



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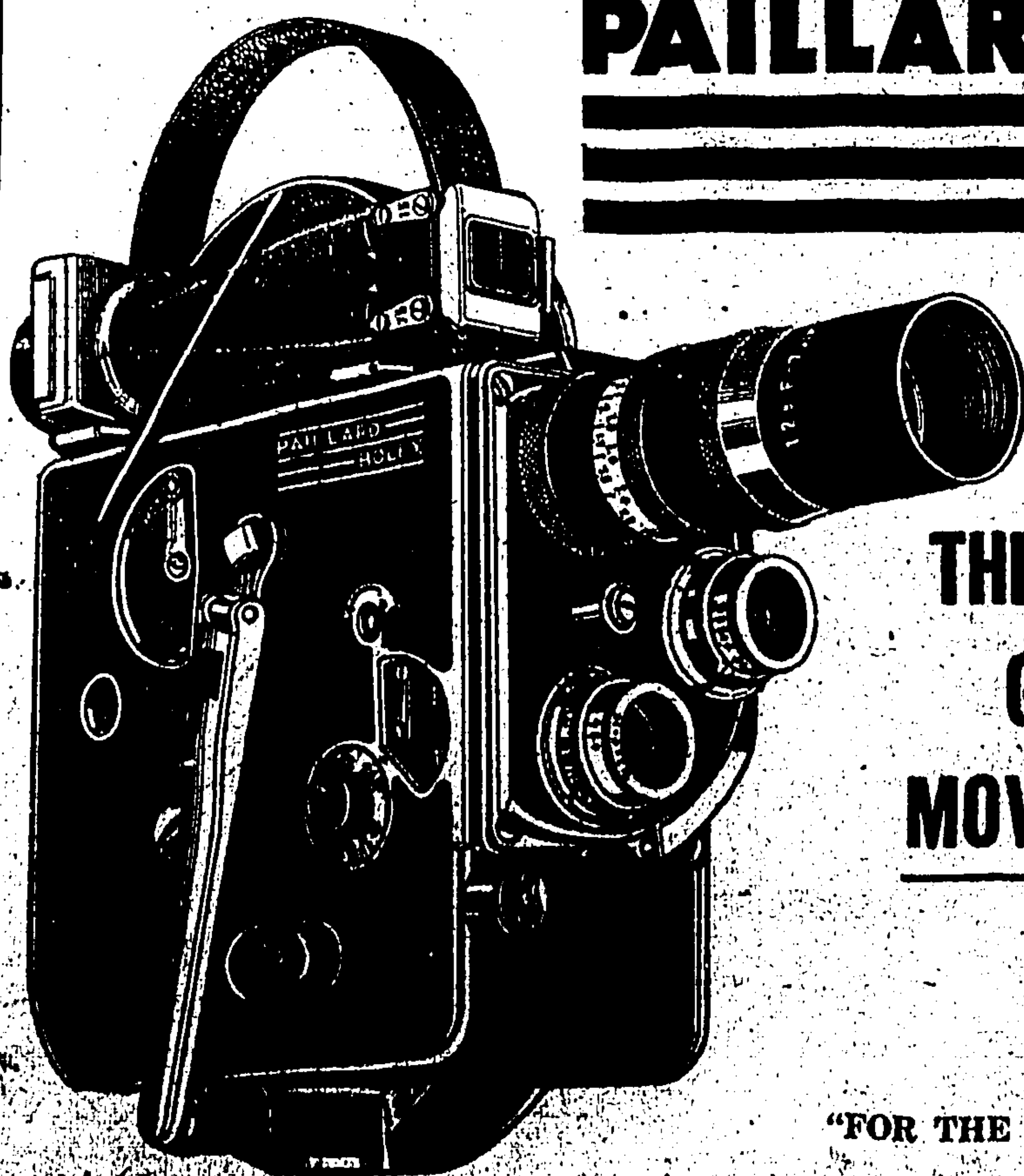
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Beauty Precautions For Brides-To-Be

The counsel I have for brides-to-be is so old that some of you may get impatient reading it! But old as it is, there is none better, and if you desire to look your most beautiful on your wedding day, you will heed it!

Rest

Rest, as you know, is the greatest of beautifiers. It is also the most difficult beautifier to indulge in, the week before the wedding, if you are being showered with the usual parties which friends like to give the girl who is to become a matron and mother! But rest you should—if not at night, then during the day—the week before the ceremony. A warm bath, a band tied around your eyes and a darkened room, induce sleep if you will relax and let them. A sedative the night before the wedding day is permissible, to assure you of one good night's sleep, if you are too excited to get it naturally.

HAIR

Then for grooming. Get your permanent wave (if you are to have one) at least two weeks before the big day. Brush it well and anoint it with reconditioning oil before the first shampoo. Have it set two days before, and not the day before. This allows the natural oil to run down the hair shaft,

giving it more sheen and softening the curl. The more youthful and natural you look in your bridal gown, the more lovely you will seem to your friends.

SKIN

During the month preceding your big step, keep a watchful eye on what you eat and drink and when you do it. Regular meals at regular hours will keep your skin clear and eyes bright, whereas snacks here and now, and too many cocktails, will take their toll and you will step down the aisle with blemishes marring your beauty. If your skin requires softening have a facial once a week and go through a daily, reconditioning routine at home between appointments.

DAINTINESS

Your personal daintiness takes on new importance and every little grooming detail should be attended to the day before the wedding. Superfluous hair should be removed by a safe depilatory, your feet should be massaged and pedicured, your nails manicured. If the weather is hot you will need a liquid deodorant across your shoulder blades and under your arms as well as a hasty powder deodorant just before slipping into your gown. If your face is inclined to perspire in heat, anoint it with a good astringent chilled, before applying your



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make-up. Which brings me to a vital subject!

MAKE-UP

Unless you are being married in dark street clothes, your make-up should be the most delicate. A true rose for lips, cheeks, nails and toenails, or shrimp-tone, are the most fetching. And it must be very delicately applied for proverbially a bride's blush should be natural!

The lightest film of eyeshadow may be used and a touch of lash and brow darkening. But neither must be apparent! Heavy make-up, too-tanned skin and too elaborate coiffures are strictly taboo in this era of "genteel beauty."

Perfume, of course, a lilting floral fragrance with a sachet of matching scent tucked into your bosom! The same sachet should have scented the lingerie you wear, your hose and your veil!

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

This is a good day not to "count your chickens before they're hatched." Sudden changes in personal plans may occur, due to a prevalence of sickle-mindedness. It will be good judgment, as well as helpful to others, to make up your mind regarding any policy you might wish to pursue, and make every effort to follow it right through. By mingling freely with people you are liable to absorb some very useful information. It will be wise to suppress any desire to laugh at anyone's misfortune or mistakes. Chronic grumbling will accomplish little this day and might be reasonable for most of the confusion that is likely to be evidence. The desire to make money is likely to cause some people grossly to exaggerate values, so be careful in your buying. Married and engaged couples, and those to whom Cupid has brought romance, must be careful not to be talkative they might carry it so far as to become boresome.

If a woman and July 28 is your birthday, you probably enjoy many people's confidence. You ought to

be shrewd in business and have the ability to save money. You might be unduly fastidious about your personal appearance. You probably have many social graces, and a large circle of friends. Women born on this date, as a rule are inclined to be flirtatious before marriage. You may frequently part with money freely, when convinced it will be used wisely. Nothing is apt to discourage you, once you have set your heart upon doing some particular thing. You apparently are very liberal in your views, and tolerant about those of your friends. Although you might not be consistent as a church-goer, you are instinctively religious. Through educational, artistic, theatrical, literary or musical work you may make for yourself a splendid career and a fine livelihood. You, in all likelihood, will marry when comparatively young, and very happily.

The child born on July 28 can be easily spoiled. Children born under Leo frequently demand much attention, and give in return an unbounded amount of affection.

FOR EVERY TOT

A scrap of a play suit, as comfortable and cool as any active little soul could desire! A pinafore smartly darted in to a small waist, buttoned down the front and trimmed with braid! A sunbonnet as becoming as it is useful!

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHINA

EVERYONE knows that the enjoyment of a cup of tea is wonderfully enhanced if the cup and saucer are of good quality. The same applies to any drink that is served in beautiful glass.

To keep good china merely for display, frightened lest it get broken, limits the pride and pleasure of ownership.

A hostess will serve tea in choice Royal Worcester or other high-quality china with full confidence that she is pleasing her guests.

Actually it may be said of a hostess: "By her china shall ye know her."

The cynic might say, "The tea's the real point," but a hostess who is particular with her china will make no mistake with her tea.

While it is necessary to have good china, it is equally necessary to take care of it. For example, there is sound common sense in pouring the milk into the cup before pouring in the hot tea. The cooling effect of the milk is a precaution against the hair-like little cracks that often develop in china. It is wise not to subject china to soda when washing-up. The glaze is likely to suffer. Pure soap will do no harm. The china should be stored away carefully. A treasured set brought out for special occasions should have tissue-paper between the plates and saucers, and the cups should be hung up to avoid scratching. It is merely a matter of making the necessary arrangements—a choice possession is worth preserving. As part of the means to that end, the china should not be kept in a damp place.



A GIRL CHAMPION—AND "CHESS PIECES". — A game of living chess is being played at the Croydon Hospital Carnival. The display is arranged by the Croydon District Junior Chess Association and Croydon girl students and shop assistants form the "pieces." This shows Elaine Saunders, the World's Girl Chess Champion, surrounded by "pieces" during an interval.

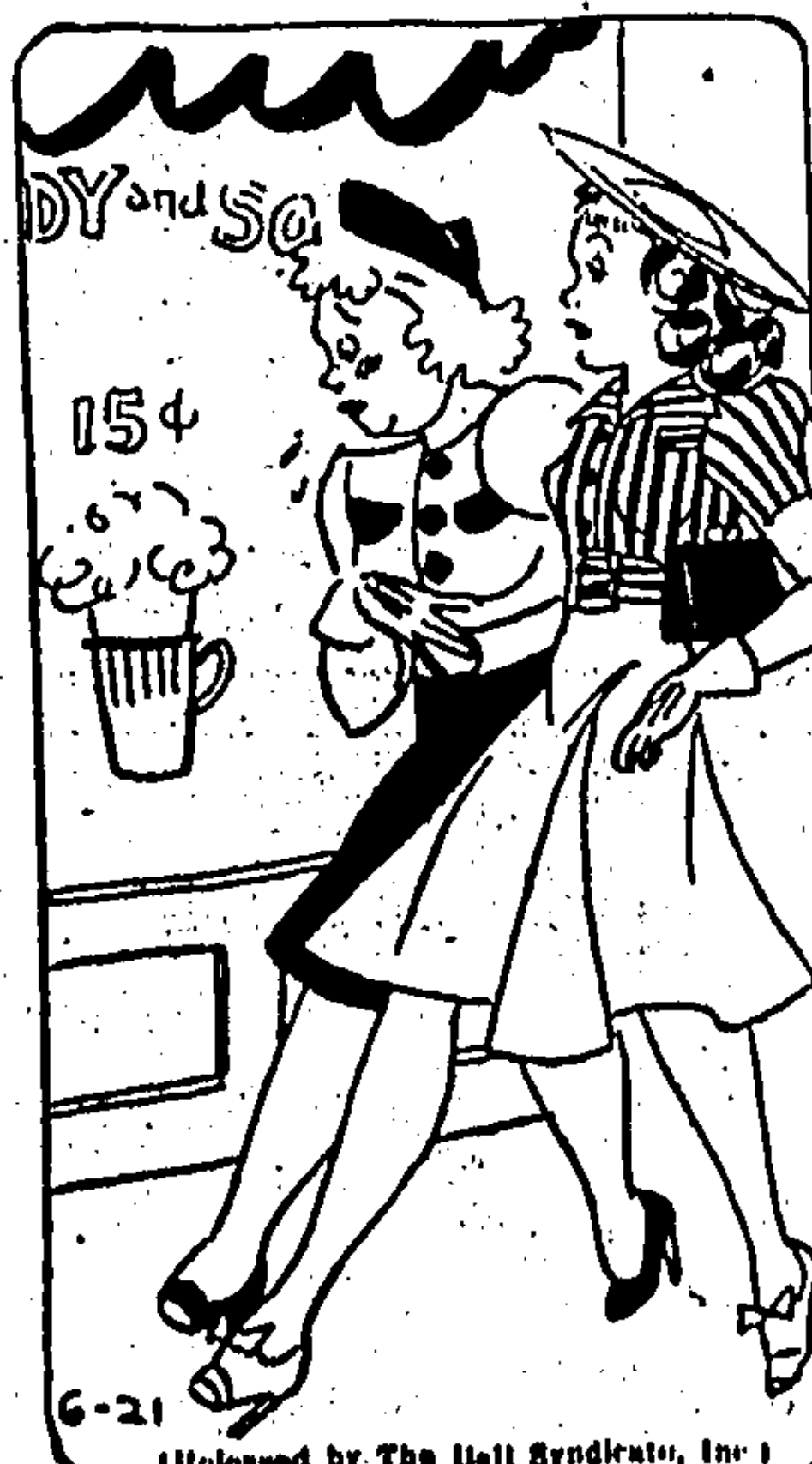
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Witty Kitty



Dieting Dot says this reducing stunt would be a lot easier if old devil appetite weren't always gnawing one.

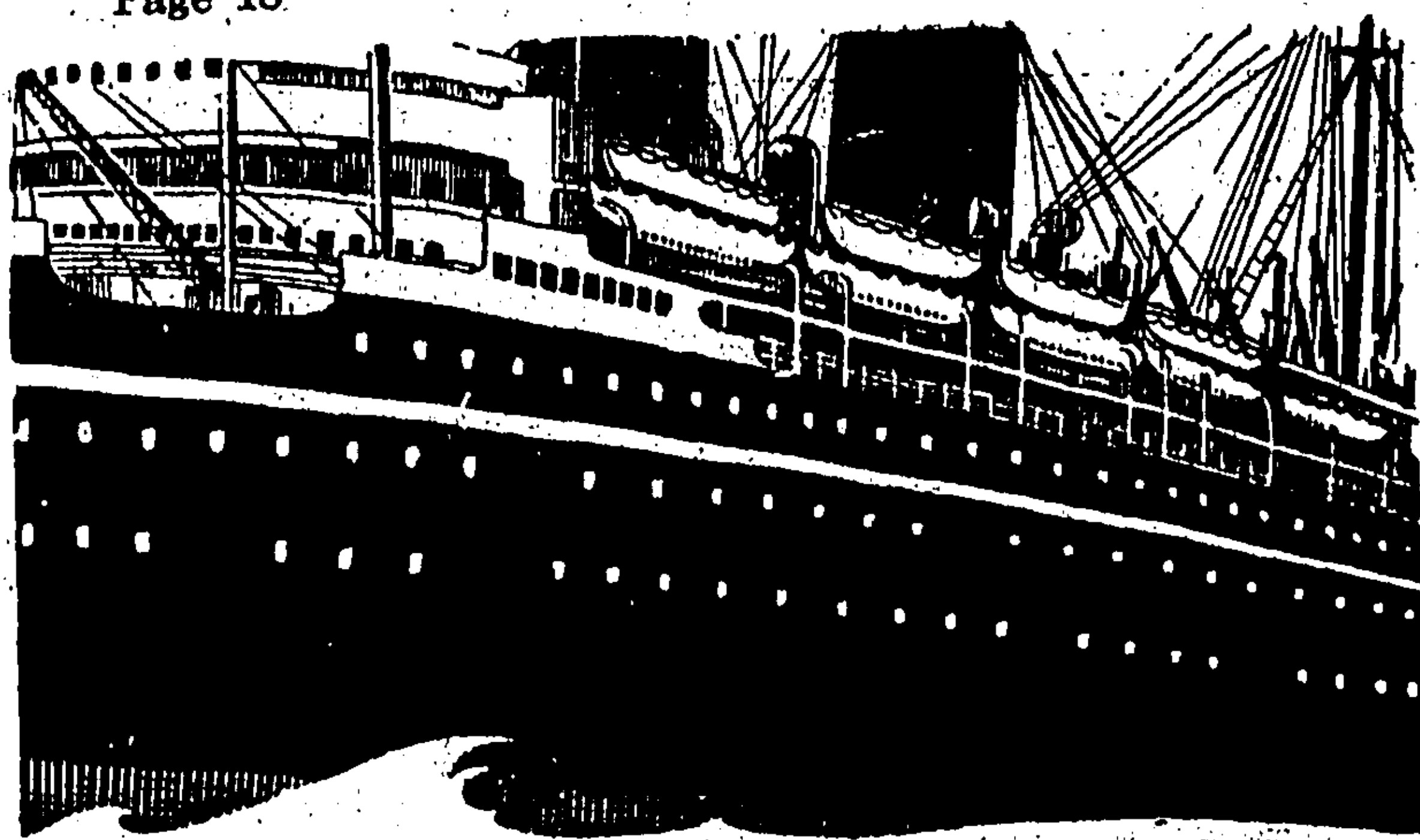
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By Muriel Nissen

LATEST ARRIVALS FOR WORLD'S FAIR

STRIKINGLY depicted on a new Russian set, issued in honour of the New York World's Fair, is the most striking statue in the exposition at Flushing Meadow. It is the stainless steel figure of a Russian worker, and is presented on the 80 kopeks, blue-gray and red stamp. A companion stamp pictures the Russian pavilion at the fair and is issued in a 50k value, printed in light brown and blue.



The Russian pavilion was one of the largest, most expensive and most spectacular exhibits at the fair. One of its features is a 125 foot tower covered with the same red Karelian marble that adorns Lenin's tomb. Crowning the tower is the lofty statue upholding the emblem of the U.S.S.R.



Another fair exhibit to be pictured on a stamp is the Roumanian pavilion. Two views of this edifice are presented on Roumania's commemorative series which is issued in a 6 lei reddish-brown and 12L light blue. The French colonial item, consisting of two-values each from 24 colonies, pictures a group of natives against a background of New York skyscrapers. Values and colours are: 1.25 francs dark red and 2Fr. 25 ultramarine from Cameroons, Dahomey, French Equatorial Africa, French Guiana, French Guinea, French Oceanica, French Sudan, Guadeloupe, Inini, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Martinique, New Caledonia, Niger Territory, Reunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Senegal, Somali Coast, Togo, and Wallis and Futuna Islands. In the same colours, Indo-China and Kouang-Tcheou issued 12 cents and 23 cents stamps, and French India's values are 1 fannon 12 caches and 2f12c.

WATER WORKS PICTURED

THE French Stamp-of-the-week pictures the famous water machine in the Seine, known as Marly-la-Machine. This is a huge hydraulic engine built in 1684. Driven by the current of the river, the engine raised the water to a tower from whence it was carried through an aqueduct to Versailles. The stamp was issued on May 22 to commemorate the Water Exposition held at Liege, Belgium. It has a value of 2Fr.25 and is printed in

blue. The inscription reads, "Exposition de l'eau au Lieg 1939—Section Francaise".

ROYAL ACADEMY COMMEMORATED

THE Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences observed its 200th anniversary on June 2, and in commemoration thereof a set of four stamps was issued. Portrayed on the 10 ore violet and 300 blue, is Jons Jacob Berzelius, chemist and physicist, who became the Academy's perpetual secretary in 1818. He was born in 1779 and died in 1848.

The 15 ore brown and 500 gray portray Carl von Linne, botanist and zoologist, who was one of the academy's founders, and its first president.

Both these men make their initial philatelic appearance on this new postage paper.

GREAT BRITAIN ADDITIONS

THE King George VI series has been extended with three values, 9 pence gray-green, 10p deep blue and 1 shilling olive green. The designs are similar to those of the recent 7 and 8 pence stamps.

STAMP TEASERS

1. Ferdinand II is portrayed on what stamp, issued by the country he ruled?
2. A government palace, framed in

3. Where is Valetta Harbour, and on what stamp does it appear?
4. Do you know what flying ram is pictured on a stamp?
5. What stamp pictures a streak of lightning?

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

1. An Italian stamp of 1930 has a design consisting entirely of flying arrows.
2. An orange tree appears on a stamp of the Netherlands issued in 1923.
3. North Borneo, in 1909, printed a stamp picturing the tapir.
4. A native washing gold appears on a 1905 stamp of French Guiana.
5. President Colindres, of Honduras, is portrayed on a stamp of that country issued in 1929.

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his men. The habits of the General's household were known, and it would be quite easy for these bandits to seize the maiden one night, bind and gag her, and carry her off to a certain place outside the city. There she would be held quite unharmed, until Slype should come to fetch her. He should come armed, and there would be much shooting (with blank cartridge) after which the bandits would flee, and Slype could bear the maiden back, as a conquering hero, to the bosom of her uncle—who could, in such circumstances and after such an exhibition of bravery and resource on the part of her rescuer, hardly refuse his consent to the union. And even if he did so, most certainly the maiden would consent to run away clandestinely with her rescuer. So in either case Slype would attain his heart's desire . . . !

Slype thought it was a fine idea. Being a physical coward, the thought of thus appearing as a fearless rescuer in itself was vastly attractive. The sum Ghunn asked (in order to bribe the bandits, of course) was a large one, but Slype for once did not haggle. It was arranged that half the sum should be paid down on the following morning, another quarter when the raid had been successfully carried out and he directed to where the bandits would await him, and the remaining quarter as soon as the "rescue" had been achieved and Moira returned in safety to her uncle.

It was after paying that first sum that a conversation took place between the Slypes, senior and junior, which clearly indicates the sort of people they were, and gives some clue as to how Slype Senior's wealth was acquired.

"Now, see here, Sep—" said Senior. "Love is love, and business is business. You ought to have beaten that old nanny-goat Ghunn down to at least fifty per cent. of what he asked for! You're a bigger fool than I thought, son, and that's saying something, too! But it's not too late, thank God! See here, now—when you learn where the girl's been taken, just tell that old thief that he's overcharging, and give him half the sum arranged; then tell him he can have half the third amount when you're married to the girl. And if he doesn't like that, tell him you'll go to the police and give the whole plot away—except your own part in it! He's wise enough to know that his word won't go against yours with the police, so he'll have to accept, anyway. Then, when you've married the girl, you can tell him to go whistle for even the half-balance. He can't do a damned thing about it!"

"That's fine, Pop!" breathed his admiring son. "I'll do that!"

The raid was duly carried out, and Moira, bound, gagged and swathed in an evil-smelling robe, was carried off to a certain secret spot outside the town. Slype was immediately notified, and instantly got on the 'phone to the General. He was not polite. He felt that he had a real pull over the old soldier, and he meant to make him feel it, too!

"So this is the way you look after your beloved niece, is it, you old sap-head?" he yapped across the wire. "You reckoned I wasn't good enough to look after her, but if I couldn't have made

a better job of it than you've done I'd eat my blooming hat! Now, listen! I'm going out to rescue that kid, and I don't come back till I've got her! And then I'm going to marry her, whether you like it or not! So just get that, and bite on it."

There came from the other end of the wire a sound which resembled somewhat a large ship sinking during an air-raid, and Slype rang off, feeling remarkably pleased with himself.

Then, armed with a rifle and two revolvers, he mounted and rode off—feeling very much the hero, and blissfully unconscious of the fact that he sat his horse like a sack of onions and looked as much like a pedlar in small-arms as anything!

Dawn had just broken when he arrived at the secret spot where it was arranged that the bandits should wait with their captive. It was a sort of little bowl, set between three small hills, and invisible from the bridge-track which passed quite close one of its three narrow entrances.

As Slype dismounted and tethered his horse to a convenient boulder, he was startled to hear a low, wailing cry, followed by another and another, coming from the hidden valley.

At that moment, for the first and only time in his life, Slype, for a man of his nature, really bordered on the heroic. (That was, perhaps, the tragedy of it!) He would have waded in to the rescue just then, even if he had thought there was any real danger in it!

As it was, with one revolver in an open holster at his belt, and another sticking out from his side pocket, Slype dashed along the narrow gully, his rifle at the ready. He was breathless when he burst into the little valley where the drama was taking place.

But if he had not been breathless when he arrived, he would certainly have lost what he had. A moment later, so astounding was the sight that met his eyes there!

Moira was sitting on a rock, with her bonds and gag lying at her feet, and, with her pretty head thrown back, she was laughing almost hysterically.

In the background a grinning syce sat on a horse and held two others. In the middle foreground two enormous dogs, their great fangs gleaming though their massive tails wagged furiously, held three scared and shivering bandits at bay. In the immediate foreground the bandit chief, who was responsible for the wailing, was held in the grip of a gigantic breeched figure, who was lustily laying the lash of a heavy dogwhip across his shrinking back!

At first sight Slype took the aggressor to be a man—but a second glance and the presence of those dogs told him that it was none other than his Amazonian prospective-aunt-in-law, Mrs. "General" O'Shea.

Something had come unstuck, that was evident! Slype began to regret that he had been so insolent to the General, but decided to make the best of things. So he strode up to the side of Mrs. O'Shea and said, in a voice that he tried to make as deep, determined and devil-may-care as possible:

"Can I be of any assistance, Madam?"

She gave him a quick glance over her shoulder:

"Oh, you!" she ejaculated, but not unpleasantly. "Yes! Just stop where you are for a moment, will you?"

Gratified that no more was asked of him, he obeyed without question. Mrs. O'Shea finished with the bandit-chief, and flung him away from her. Then she called off the dogs. Immediately the chief and his three men made dash for the gully at the further side of the valley. Mrs. O'Shea snapped her fingers at the dogs:

"See 'em off, boys!"

With yelps of delight the dogs obeyed, and disappeared into the gully in pursuit of the flying bandits. Mrs. O'Shea turned to Slype.

"So you're still there, are you?" she said. "Now, that's very good of you! It saves me a certain amount of trouble, you see!" Then her tone changed suddenly: "So you'd plot with bazaar wallahs and comic-opera bandits, would you, you pimply-faced nincompoop? You'd have my niece kidnapped, and try to make fools of her uncle and myself, would you?"

Her arm flashed a circle in the air, and the lash of that dogwhip curled wickedly round Slype's astonished face, leaving a nasty weal across his cheek. He yelped like a poodle-dog, and turned to run for it. Mrs. O'Shea sprang into the saddle in one leap and rode after him, and as,

with deft, shrewd strokes of her whip she cut his clothes to ribbons, she told the *box-wallah* just what she really *did* think of him.

Eventually Slype managed to get on to his horse and make his escape. But that was not until "Mrs. General's" strong right arm had got really tired, and she had used up every expletive in her vocabulary, and repeated some of them over again. And that is saying a very great deal!

It was indeed a sad, sorry and entirely unheroic figure who rode back, minus his rifle, to Amritsar! Slype went straight to bed, and it was while he was lying there, licking his wounds, that he realised just what had gone wrong with his pretty little scheme.

Remembrance of the unsurprised, gentle, and benevolent smile with which Ghopal Ghunn had received the breaking of Slype's agreement in regard to money, and recollection of the uncanny way in which the old curio-seller came by information, gave him the clue. Somehow (probably the *babu* in the outer office had been listening) Ghunn had heard of the conversation between father and son. He had simply bided his time and, immediately after the kidnapping, had sold his information, no doubt for a good round sum, to the anxious General and his wife. With the result which we have seen—and Slype certainly felt!

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AFRAID

They had had a great night out and were well and truly "oiled" when Jim drove the car home-wards. Needless to say, he didn't notice a newly-dug drain across the road, and drove into it at considerable speed. There was a good bump and Jim's chin met the steering-wheel smartly.

He got out and stood weakly leaning against the car. The red carnation in his buttonhole fell to the ground, and he gave a horrified yell.

"Good Heavens, Bill! I've bit my darned tongue off!"

USUAL OUTCOME

"How'd you get along with your wife in that fight the other night?"

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"Yeah, what did she say?"

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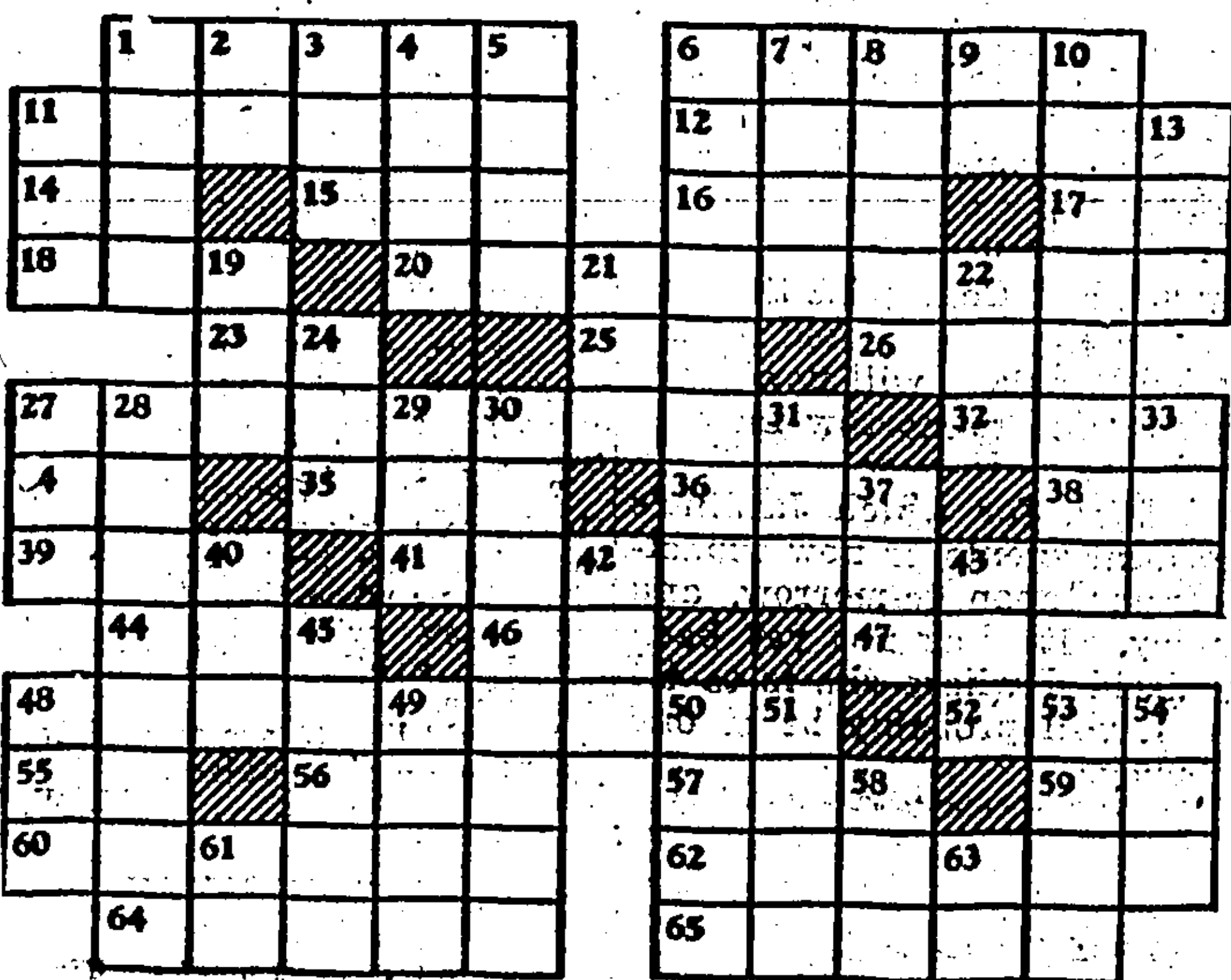
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- 12 Shed freely
- 14 One
- 15 Greek letter
- 16 Metal dish
- 17 Greek letter
- 18 Textile fabric
- 20 Dug up
- 23 Belonging to
- 25 Suffix: like
- 26 Gloomy
- 27 Disparaged
- 32 State
- 34 Italian article
- 35 Manner
- 36 To, by
- 38 Cooled lava
- 39 Bench
- 41 Voiced suits
- 42 Tenon
- 46 Proposition
- 47 Teutonic god
- 48 Soapstones
- 52 Ornate
- 55 European river
- 56 Resinous substance

VERTICAL

- 1 Solitary
- 2 Forward
- 3 Feline
- 4 King of sloth
- 5 To astound
- 6 Clear
- 7 Wild pig
- 8 Searches for

**9 Conjunction**

- 10 Carative
- 11 Proverb
- 13 Worn garment
- 19 Fly
- 21 To consume
- 22 Auxiliary verb
- 24 Monk
- 27 Candle
- 28 People chosen to elect president
- 29 Objective
- 30 Fastidious
- 37 Beetle
- 38 Dance
- 39 Gaming cube
- 40 Sorrow
- 42 Drunkard
- 43 Fore limb
- 45 Roman emperor
- 48 Resort
- 49 Pendant
- 50 Sheep
- 51 Rail
- 53 Hebrew measure
- 54 Joined
- 58 Cap
- 63 To perform
- 61 By

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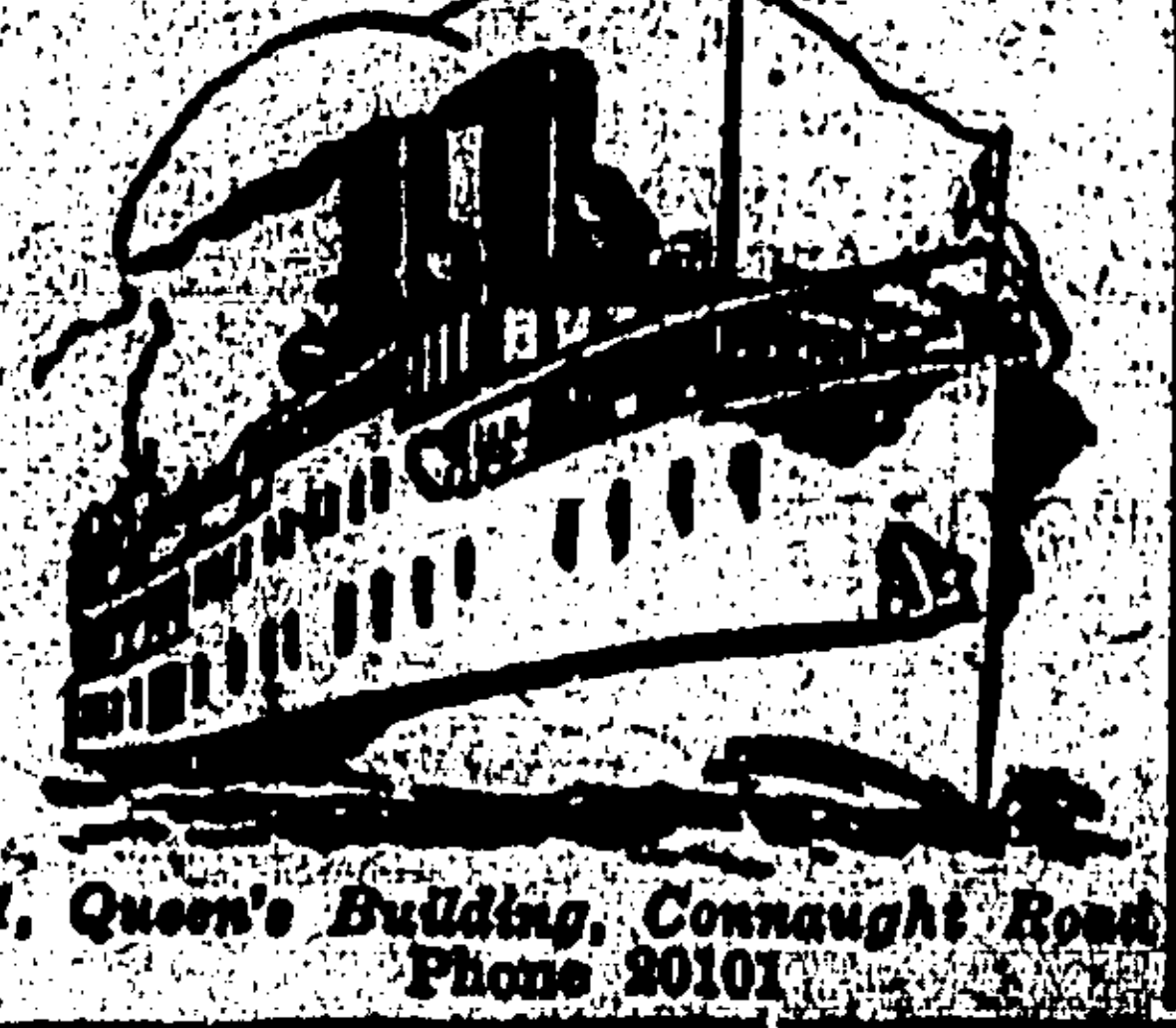
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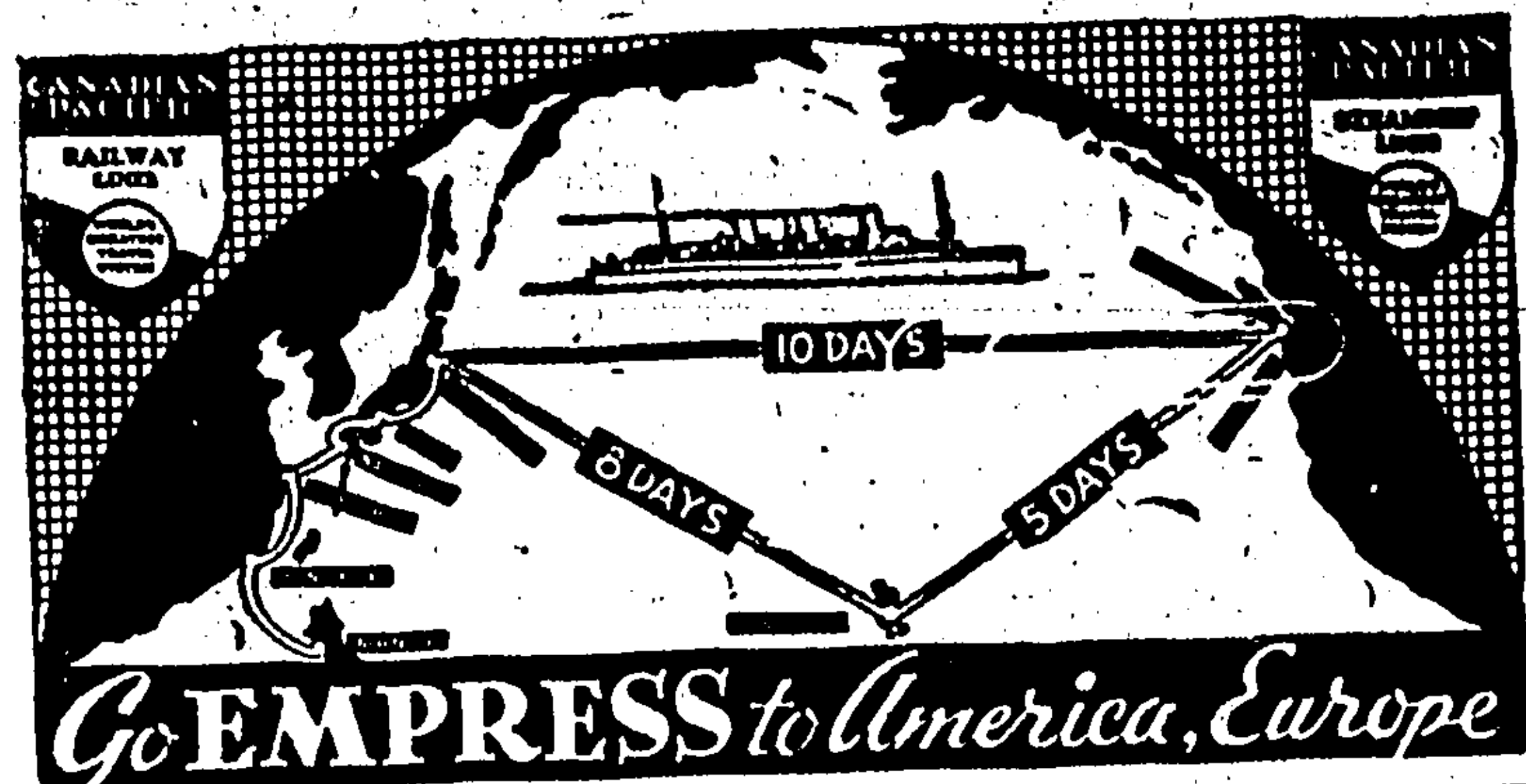
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Dahpu (Jardine's), due from Shanghai at 10 a.m.; buoy B-9.
Empress of Canada, CPSS, arriving from Canada at 1 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Hakozaki Maru, NYK, arrived from Europe; buoy A-1.

Kasima Maru, NYK, due from Japan at noon; buoy A-2.

Kitano Maru, NYK, due from Japan at 2.30 p.m.; buoy A-7.

Seistan, Douglas, due from Kwangchow-wan 10 a.m.; Douglas pier.

Suiyang, CNC, due sometime this afternoon from Shanghai.

Yusang, I-C, due from Haiphong this morning; buoy B-2.

SAILING TO-DAY

Empress of Canada, CPSS, sailing for Manila at about 8 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Grete Maersk, Maersk, sailing for Shanghai/U.S.A. at about 4 p.m.; buoy A-9.

Hakozaki Maru, NYK, sailing for Yokohama at about noon; buoy A-1.

Kalgan, CNC, sailing at about 10.30 a.m. for Indo-China; buoy B-20.

Kasima Maru, NYK, sailing late this afternoon for Europe; buoy A-2.

Mentor, Blue Funnel, sailing for Shanghai/Japan at noon; Holt's Wharf.

Mulhock (Chin Seng), sailing for Bangkok at about 5 p.m.; buoy B-11.

Regensburg, Melchers, sails for North China ports at 4 p.m.; Kowloon Wharf.

Silverwalnut, Silver, sailing for New York between 11 a.m. and noon; Taikoo Dock.

Tjinegara, JCJL, sailing for Shanghai at 4 p.m.; Taikoo Sugar R. Wharf.

Tsinan, CNC, sailing for Haiphong at about 2 p.m.; buoy B-15.

NOTES

In connection with the sailing of the Regensburg this afternoon for Shanghai, Taku, Dairen and Japan, it should be noted that she will leave the Kowloon Wharf at 4 p.m. and the Dangerous Goods Anchorage at about 7 p.m.

Thoresen and Co. advise that the Hellas, which was expected to sail to-day for Bangkok, will now leave port some time to-morrow instead.

The Islami, for which Jardine's are the local agents, is now expected in from Japan to-morrow, and not to-day. It has not yet been finally decided where she is to tie up, but it will probably be at one of the buoys.

OIL INDUSTRY CONVICTIONS SET ASIDE

Chicago, To-day.

The circuit court of appeals yesterday reversed a conviction on 16 oil companies and five individuals who were tried at Madison, Wisconsin, on charges of violating the Anti-Trust Law by fixing prices of the oil industry.

The court ordered a re-trial of the case.

The oil industry was one of the Federal Government's first objectives in its sweeping drive against monopolies.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE

V.R.C. CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

Reference, V.R.C. Special Meeting Sir,—Having been connected with the good old Victoria Recreation Club since 1880 (59 years) I would like to comment strongly on the results of the Special Meeting held by members of the Club on Monday the 24th. inst.

I, as an old member, warmly support the opinion held by Messrs. Cooke and Lyon against the resolution passed by 38 members, that the legacy of £1,000, so kindly and thoughtfully left by the late Mr. Thomas Meek for the Club, be used, in addition to borrowing \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 from a Bank, to cover the expenses for alterations to the Club just to please a few Younger Members, for a Badminton Court and Special Room for ladies to change in for swimming galas.

As far as I can recall, as late Hon. Secretary for over 6 years, and on the General Committee of the Club for many years, I would like to point out to the Members that the receipts for Membership fees and Bar accounts do not allow the Club to make any further unnecessary alterations to the premises at the present moment.

The Bar receipts are small, as most of the Members drink Lemon Squashes and more often a glass of water with a toothpick presented.

The Club at present is badly in need of some new furniture and the atmosphere of the Club rooms and verandah is very cheerless. Why not do something first about this?

If this money is spent as suggested at the meeting, will this be recovered if the Government re-enter the site? If not, then would it not be best to wait until the tenure of the Club Site is at least secure before throwing this nest egg away.

I trust the Committee will again think over this seriously before plunging the Club into debt with needless alterations when they do not know how long they will enjoy possession, or whether another site will be made available.

I would like to see more letters commenting on the subject.

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DELAY IN THETIS SALVAGE EFFORT

London, To-day.

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Reason is that the salvage vessel Zelo is to be strengthened.—Reuter.

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"Hosang" 19th Aug. 10 a.m.

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WHERE OLD CUSTOM RULES

(Continued from Page 15)

The peculiar distinction of the Athenaeum among the clubs of London, indeed of the world, is hardly to be questioned. Standing on the "sweet, shady side of Pall Mall," it is peculiarly associated with the conception of eminence, and has been likened to a stage across which passes every distinguished figure in the higher walks of art, natural science, literature, the church and the stage. It is the common meeting ground of the great.

The Athenaeum has always been noted for its silence and the solemnity of its deportment, but with the passing of the years its conversational atmosphere has both lightened and brightened. Some of the older members of the club still bemoan the fact that, after a hard struggle, the regulation as to the admission of visitors has been relaxed. For years the club prided itself upon the way that even the most distinguished nonmembers were kept from its sacred precincts. All sorts of celebrated folk have been turned away from the door. When Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was Prime Minister and a member of the club, he took a very distinguished friend there with him. But Prime Ministers are treated like everyone else at the Athenaeum, and Ramsay MacDonald had to go elsewhere for their lunch.

The Athenaeum, having so many celebrities within its walls, is proud of its reputation of never staring at a guest, however famous he may be. But when Hugh Walpole escorted Charles Laughton, the film star, into the dining room, every distinguished head was turned in Laughton's direction. Many bishops were present and the secret of their lives came out—every one of them was a film fan.

The great period of London clubs dates from the middle of the eighteenth century, and nearly all of them were established for the purpose of gaming.

The bow windows of White's, still to be seen, became an institution of fashionable life in the West End. From the first only the chosen and older members of the club sat there. The ordinary member would never have dreamed of taking a chair. Moreover, the favoured occupants of the window seats sat with their hats on, in evidence to the outside world in St. James's Street, and the ladies of their acquaintance could not fail to recognize them in passing.

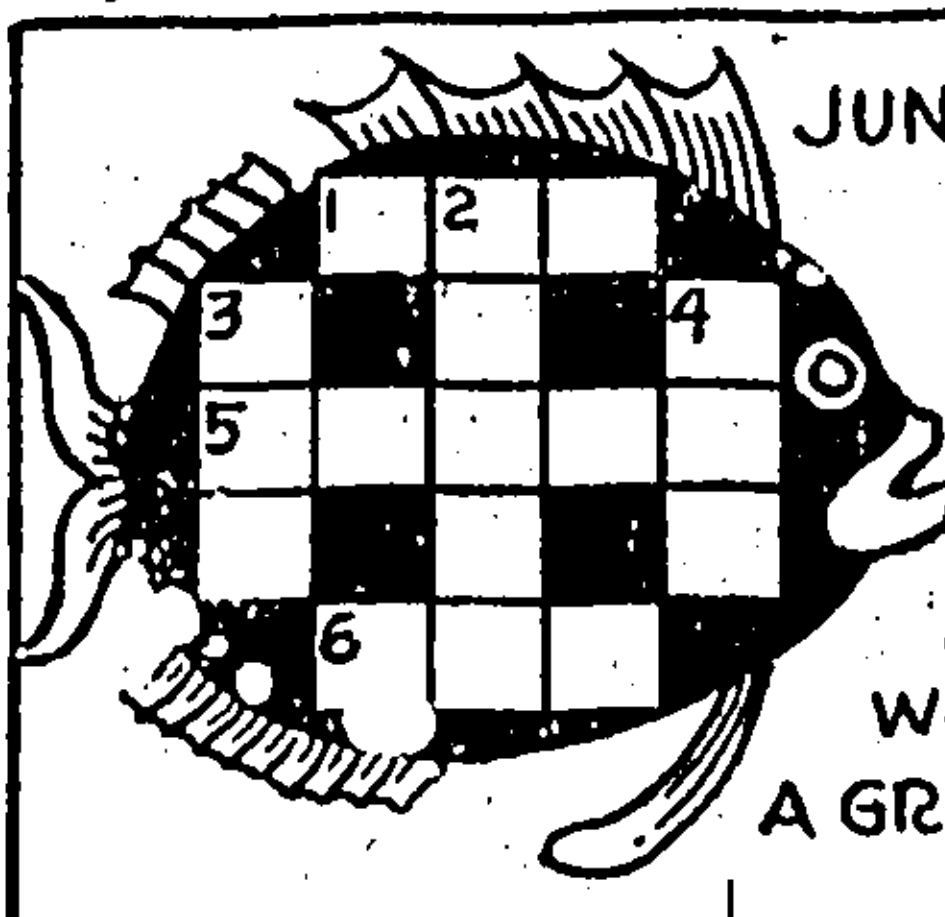
But did the be-hatted members recognize the ladies? That would have been asking altogether too much, and after anxious debate it was decided that no greeting of any kind should pass from the bow window or any other window of the club, and the hat of the lady was ever afterward fixed firmly on his head whoever might be passing.

Yet, on the whole, the traditions of London clubs are slowly passing

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

A RIDDLE

A BOX HAS NINE EARS OF CORN IN IT.
A SQUIRREL CARRIES OUT THREE EARS
A DAY, AND IT TAKES HIM NINE DAYS TO CARRY
OUT ALL THE CORN, ALTHOUGH HE NEVER BRINGS
ANY CORN BACK INTO THE
BOX.
HOW COME?



JUNIOR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS—1, TO REcede
AS THE TIDE; 5, LAND AT
THE EDGE OF WATER; 6, TO
JOIN ON.

DOWN—2, OF UNUSUAL
WIDTH; 3, A FOREST TREE; 4,
A GREAT BODY OF SALT WATER.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: The initials of GOAT, ALLIGATOR, REVOLVER, BEE and OCTOPUS spell "GARBO".

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations today:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1325 b., \$1340 s.

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Canton Ins. \$200 b.

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H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 104¼ b.

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 99¼ b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .26 sa.

Atoks, Ps. .24 sa.

Baguio Gold Ps. .22½ sa.

Batong Buhay Ps. .014 sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 10.90 sa.

Big Wedge Ps. .24 sa.

Coco Grove Ps. .27 b.

Consol. Mines Ps. .002 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .11½ sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .45 b.

Ipo Gold Ps. .17½ b.

Itogons Ps. .26½ sa.

Mambulao Ps. .07 b.

Masbates Ps. .13 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09½ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .13½ sa.

North Camarines Ps. .29 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .16½ b.

San Mauricio Ps. .95 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .24½ sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .16 sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .082 b.

United Paracales Ps. .46 sa.

away. The modern young man has less use for restrictions than had his grandfather and wants to be free. If the Marlborough has abandoned its once inflexible rule that no one could dine there except in full evening dress, there is hope that some less understandable rules in other clubs, will vanish. But with it all we may have to wait a long, long day, if ever, to see "Wales" ring the bell at the call of a presumptuous friend.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-19/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 16-1/2 and forward at 16-1/8.

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COUNTY CRICKET

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN!

Worcestershire Surprise The Champions

Extraordinarily
Low Scoring

London, To-day.—Thus far in the County Cricket programme, comments have been made regarding the extraordinary fluctuations in form, especially by leading sides. News received to-day overshadows anything that has yet been received.

Yorkshire, hot favourites for their third successive championship, were beaten in two days by Worcestershire.

How are the mighty fallen!

This success by Worcestershire, to deprive them of their best players, their first against Yorkshire in the history of the championship, however, does not come as the surprise it would have done last season. They have improved greatly and, from a fairly solid position at the bottom of the table over a number of years, are now firmly established about halfway in the list.

Their victory yesterday cannot be classified as very convincing—they only got through by a mere 16 runs in a match which must have been extraordinarily interesting.

It is not often that a county fixture is concluded with the biggest innings of the match only 118.

As is to be expected, bowling figures were excellent. Worcestershire were dismissed for 102 and 118, Verity taking 4 for 33 and 4 for 40, and Yorkshire made 91 (Perks 4 for 20) and 113 (Perks 5 for 50 and Martin 4 for 30).

So far as is known, Yorkshire were at full strength—there was no Test or big representative match

to deprive them of their best players.

STILL LEAD

Yorkshire still have a commanding lead in the championship table, their average being 8.88 against the 8.00 that Middlesex, their strongest challengers, will have if they beat Derbyshire in the match now proceeding at Lord's.

In another match which concluded yesterday Essex beat Somerset by 123 runs despite some excellent bowling for the losers by Wellard, who took 12 wickets in the course of the match for 103. Capt. Stephenson, for Essex, had the remarkable analysis of 5 for 4.

Scores summarised:—

At Stourbridge, Worcestershire beat Yorkshire by 13 runs.
Worcestershire—102 (Verity 4 for 33) and 118 (Verity 4 for 40).
Yorkshire—91 (Perks 4 for 20) and 113 (Perks 5 for 50, Martin 4 for 30).

At Wells, Essex beat Somerset by 123 runs.
Essex—72 (Wellard 5 for 35) and 174 (Wellard 7 for 68).
Somerset—51 (Capt. J. W. A. Stephenson 5 for 4) and 72 (Taylor 5 for 23).—Reuter.

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H. W. "BUNNY" AUSTIN, practising for the Wimbledon championships. Austin played in the singles at Wimbledon, but was defeated before reaching the quarter-finals. Photo shows—A striking action study of H. W. Austin in action against the famous professional, Dan Maskell. (Copy-right).

INDOOR BOWLING

"Washouts"
Defeat
"Champs"

In a friendly match played at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, the "Washouts" beat the "Champs" by 58 points, the latter thus suffering their second defeat.

THE "WASHOUTS"

R. H. Dudridge	180	176	183	153	179	876
J. S. Landolt	138	173	172	158	196	837
Albert Odell	162	189	180	142	159	832
Jack Odell	147	158	142	171	158	776

Total 3,321

THE "CHAMPS"

Ernie Hearther	153	222	181	178	155	889
Doc Molthen	169	212	167	166	136	850
Dick Venezia	182	139	178	154	140	793
Gene Fagianano	150	187	166	139	139	781

Total 3,263

BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

TWO GAMES
PLAYED YESTERDAY

In spite of the steady drizzle yesterday afternoon two games in the Open Lawn Bowls Championships were played.

At the Civil Service Cricket Club W. Gill and G. Duncan entered the Quarter Finals of the Open Pairs by defeating A. R. Minu and J. Hoosen by 24-16.

At Sookunpoo, G. Perkins, of the Police Recreation Club accounted for W. H. Hobbs by 21 shots to 18 in the open Singles Competition.

(Continued from Column 4)

THERE are rumours that the Middlesex have got together a very fine battalion hockey team now. I have not been able to see them at play yet but will do so at the first opportunity. A strong Rajputana Rifles combination was beaten last week, and the merit of this victory is obvious as the Rajputanas are probably the most effective side in the Colony. Constant practice is being indulged in by the Middlesex who are fortunate in having an "all the year round" ground to improve their game on.

ARMY
SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

FOR the first time this season, I saw the Royal Scots in action at Water Polo. I find it difficult to say just what is wrong with the side, but there is certainly something very much amiss. On this occasion they were playing the weak R.A.S.C. combination and the latter were the winners by two clear goals.

As swimmers they are a fine side, but in knowledge of the game are very poor. The one exception is Bandmaster Jordan who stood out in the side as a clever schemer, a powerful swimmer and thoughtful with his distribution of the ball. Had the rest of the side displayed as much initiative as Jordan the result would have been very different in this particular game.

SUTHERLAND is a player who, given the right instruction, would possible develop into a very useful player. He certainly has the necessary speed, and appeared to know the rules all right, but somehow he rarely managed to elude the opposition for long enough to get in a dangerous shot. I think he would do a lot better if he were to keep on the move more, and "swim away" more often. It is no good forwards just sitting tight waiting for passes to come to them when they are in bad positions, they must make their own openings.

Lt. Buchanan turned out on the right wing and what he lacked in skill and speed he made up with the heart he put into his game. I think a bath without a shallow end would favour him more than the Y.M.C.A. as he seemed to find difficulty in keeping off of the bottom of the bath when parting with the ball.

THE whole lesson the Scots have to learn is that it is teamwork that wins games. I agree it is perhaps difficult for a unit such as the Scots to turn out the same team with any degree of regularity, but it is important to a successful side that the same players turn out as often as possible so that they can become accustomed to one another's moves. They have the material there, it is just that they need practice.

Others who normally compose the 'Royals' first team are Massey, who is a very useful winger, Slater, L/Sgt. Pursey and Bankier. The latter is the goalkeeper.

I hope to see them again in a few weeks time, and will produce a 'progress report' then.

I said last week that the Combined Small Units were not able to hold a gala this year. However, it has now been decided to hold a modified gala at Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday August 2nd, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The only events which will be decided are the team events for trophies which are already in existence. No individual events are to be held. Two relay races are on the programme, one a 150 yards Medley (Breast, Back and Free Style) with teams of three and each swimmer doing two lengths which is 50 yards. The Ordnance Corps should have little difficulty in winning this event. In the 300 yards Free Style relay which is for teams of six, I think the Signals should prove victorious. The difficulty in a race of this kind is to find six swimmers who are fast enough. It is easy enough in most units to find four fast swimmers, but the other two often provide some headaches to the team captains.

The diving should go to the Medicals without a doubt as besides Nicholls and MacDonald they have one or two promising newcomers. I believe the dives will be a standing header, a swallow and one optional dive. I cannot see the Service Corps winning any of the events as they are unfortunate in being very short of swimmers this year.

(Continued at foot of Column 3)

EQUINE CLUB

SATISFACTORY
YEAR'S WORKING

The annual meeting of the Equine Sports Club was held in the Club House at Shatin on Wednesday.

In proposing the adoption of the report and accounts for the past year, the retiring President, Mr. J. C. Gill, said the club assets had been written down by \$1,249 to a very nominal figure. In view of this fact, he thought that the profit on the year's working of \$465 was very satisfactory. He paid a warm tribute to Mr. Norman and Mr. J. H. Hoare, two members of the Committee who had left during the year, to Mr. Routley for his success in organising the Gymkhana, and he congratulated Mr. S. R. Jeffrey on winning the Kadoorie aggregate cup. The riding and social activities of the club during the year had been very successful.

The report and accounts were

GOLF

Locke
Trounces
Burton

London, To-day.

The South African A. D. Locke beat Richard Burton, the British Open Champion, by 10 and 9 after being nine up at the end of three rounds, in the £250 aside golf challenge match played at Mere Country Club, Cheshire.

Locke was 10 under fours for the 72 holes. — Reuter.

This match was arranged immediately after Locke's defeat by R. A. Whitcombe at Coombe Hill. Since then Burton has become the Open Champion.

adopted unanimously.

The following officers were elected for the year. President—L. Visser; Vice-President, H. S. Yung; Secretary, Dr. M. E. Agger; Committee—J. C. Gill, J. R. Leitch, A. L. Cole, R. Buchannan, E. Himsforth.

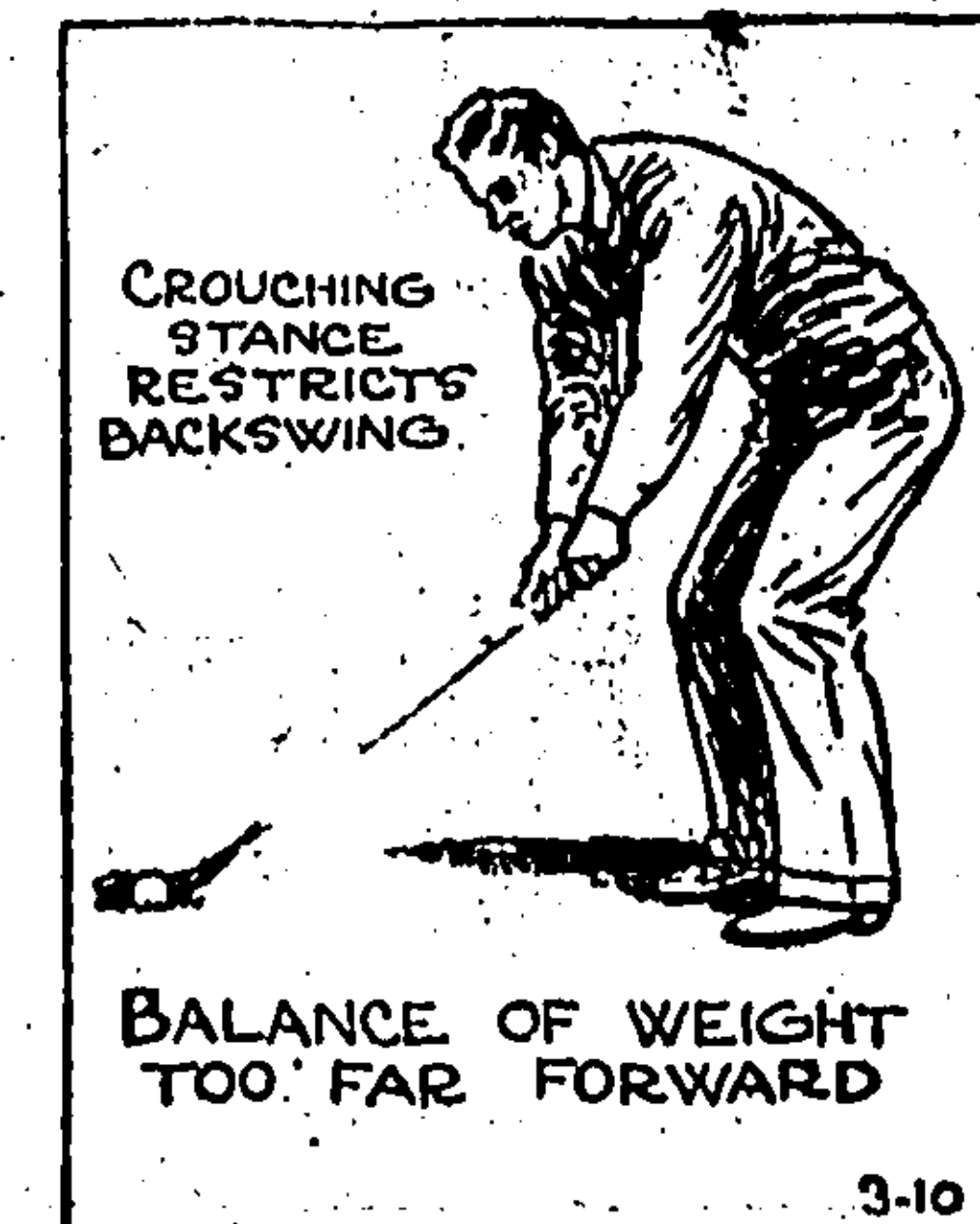
CROUCHING

By BEST BALL

While crouching over the ball, restricting the muscles of the body, is more prevalent in the short game than the long, there are not a few golfers who carry the system from tee to green. Whatever the cause, and often-times it is due to the golfer's fear that he will miss the ball entirely if he employs a more upright stance, it is not conducive to low scoring.

This appears to be one of the form extremes of golfers who can-

GRAPHIC GOLF



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not put their faith in an upright stance and a full body turn. As a result the golfer adopts a crouching position that is difficult to maintain, throughout even its abbreviated turn, without in some measure rising and ruining its position in relation to the ball. Furthermore the muscles are cramped by their very posture and make a smooth stroke next to impossible. The weight forward on the toes, may cause the golfer to lunge ahead in the stroke destroying accurate impact.

Monday.—Avoid Lunging Forward.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

SUNDAY—OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	H. E. the Governor, A. Morse.
9.20 "	S. H. Dodwell, Brig. MacLeod.
9.24 "	A. B. Purves, A. D. Humphreys.
9.28 "	R. C. Gairdner, E. T. McMullen.
9.32 "	R. H. Gregory, I. H. Geare.
9.36 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.40 "	M. Pollock, R. Burchard.
9.44 "	B. O. Baldwin, B. S. Lang.
10.04 "	J. M. Pearson, P. E. Annis.
10.08 "	E. R. McKee, J. W. Mayhew.
10.32 "	F. W. M. Carter, Major Temple.

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FIRST DIVISION										Shots		Shots		Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	U.	D.						
C. G. Silva (Recreio)	8	7	0	1	185	108	77	0	15					
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	9	7	2	0	197	152	45	0	14					
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	9	6	2	1	189	180	9	0	13					
H. A. Alves (Rec. "A")	8	6	2	0	185	118	67	0	12					
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	8	6	2	0	165	124	41	0	12					
B. W. Bradbury (C.C.C.)	8	6	2	0	168	146	22	0	12					
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	9	6	3	0	182	174	8	0	12					
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	9	5	3	1	188	165	23	0	11					
W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.)	8	5	3	0	170	129	41	0	10					
F. X. M. da Silva (Rec. "A")	8	5	3	0	154	144	10	0	10					
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	7	4	2	1	160	130	30	0	9					
A. R. Dallah (I.R.C.)	9	4	4	1	186	179	7	0	9					
H. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	5	4	1	0	96	97	0	1	8					
H. G. Cooper (K.D.R.C.)	6	4	2	0	120	114	6	0	8					
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	8	4	4	0	178	156	22	0	8					
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	8	4	4	0	159	138	21	0	8					
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	8	4	4	1	153	168	0	15	7					
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	8	3	5	0	154	161	0	7	6					
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	3	2	0	1	69	41	28	0	5					
F. X. Soares (Rec. "B")	5	2	3	0	93	103	0	10	4					
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	6	2	4	0	109	122	0	13	4					
J. C. Fender (P.R.C.)	7	2	5	0	137	133	4	0	4					
R. Morrison (K.D.R.C.)	8	2	6	0	152	158	0	6	4					
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	8	2	6	0	139	169	0	30	4					
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	8	2	6	0	134	186	0	52	4					
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	8	2	6	0	122	190	0	68	4					
J. Hyde (K.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	33	9	24	0	2					
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	42	39	3	0	2					
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	3	1	2	0	53	63	0	10	2					
A. A. Remedios (Rec. "B")	3	1	2	0	37	65	0	28	2					
J. Deakin (C.S.C.C.)	5	1	3	1	84	128	0	44	3					
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	15	31	0	16	0					
W. Mair (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	11	28	0	17	0					
R. Lapsley (K.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	7	26	0	19	0					
S. Gray (K.D.R.C.)	3	0	3	0	47	67	0	20	0					
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	3	0	3	0	47	73	0	26	0					
M. N. Rakusen (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	3	0	40	101	0	61	0					
J. C. Brown (K.D.R.C.)	6	0	6	0	92	137	0	45	0					

Totals 228 110 110 8 4452 4452 488 488 228

SECOND DIVISION										Shots		Shots		Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	U.	D.						
J. C. Chalmers (T.D.R.C.)	10	8	2	0	248	145	103	0	16					
T. Fergusson (K.F.C.)	9	7	2	0	219	153	66	0	14					
N. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	10	7	3	0	219	181	38	0	14					
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	10	6	3	1	204	201	3	0	13					
D. Munro (T.D.R.C.)	10	6	4	0	219	195	24	0	12					
A. Spary (K.T.G.C.A.)	11	6	5	0	230	218	12	0	12					
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	9	5	3	1	171	167	4	0	11					
R. Wallace (T.D.R.C.)	9	5	4	0	191	164	27	0	10					
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	9	5	4	0	193	165	28	0	10					
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	11	5	6	0	209	219	0	10	10					
H. Gittins (K.T.G.C.A.)	11	5	6	0	208	221	0	13	10					
J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.)	7	4	2	1	162	113	49	0	9					
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	8	4	3	1	151	142	9	0	9					
J. A. R. Selby (H.K.F.C.)	10	4	5	1	176	198	0	22	9					
A. H. Basto (K.T.G.C.A.)	11	4	6	1	202	235	0	33	9					
M. A. R. Souza (C.C.C.)	5	4	1	0	111	84	27	0	8					
J. S. Logan (K.B.G.C.)	8	3	4	1	158	149	9	0	7					
J. Cavanagh (C.C.C.)	4	3	1	0	83	54	29	0	6					
W. Bagley (C.S.C.C.)	5	3	2	0	96	87	9	0	6					
G. C. Moss (P.R.C.)	5	3	2	0	85	93	0	8	6					
W. Hillyer (C.S.C.C.)	8	3	5	0	142	189	0	47	6					
J. S. Riddell (P.R.C.)	9	3	6	0	148	196	0	48	6					
C. S. Rossette (C.C.C.)	4	2	1	1	95	58	37	0	5					
H. W. Randall (C.C.C.)	4	2	2	0	68	79	0	11	4					
G. E. F. Thompson (K.B.G.C.)	8	2	6	0	121	169	0	48	4					
W. McHardy (P.R.C.)	9	2	7	0	160	231	0	71	4					
W. E. Hollands (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	26	18	8	0	2					
F. Cheesman (K.B.G.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	40	0	4	2					
D. Waterton (K.B.G.C.)	3	1	2	0	58	59	0	1	2					
F. Haynes (C.S.C.C.)	4	1	3	0	70	86	0	16	2					
G. S. Alexander (P.R.C.)	5	1	4	0	92	100	0	8	2					
T. F. Stainton (T.D.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	19	26	0	7	0					
H. White (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	13	22	0	9	0					
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	13	23	0	10	0					
T. Armstrong (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	17	32	0	15	0					
A. J. Johnson (P.R.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	32	0	18	0					
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	11	29	0	18	0					
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	2	0	2	0	27	43	0	16	0					
J. Gibson (K.F.C.)	3	0	3	0	38	87	0	49	0					

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THIRD DIVISION										Shots		Shots		Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	U.	D.						
O. P. Remedios (Recreio)	10	9	0	1	242	141	101	0	19					
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	10	8	1	1	230	159	71	0	17					
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	9	7	2	0	199	147	52	0	14					
B. E. Maughan (R.H.K.Y.C.)	9	6	2	1	167	164	3	0	13					
W. W. Hirst (K.C.C.)	9	6	3	0	201	155	46	0	12					
P. J. Hamilton (K.B.G.C.)	10	6	4	0	202	198	4	0	12					
H. H. Pegg (H.K.F.C.)	9	5	3	1	188	170	18	0	11					
J. S. Dinnes (K.B.G.C.)	7	5	2	0	141	132	9	0	10					
V. Walker (H.K.F.C.)	8	5	3	0	166	169	0	3	10					
J. Russell (H.K.F.C.)	9	4	4	1	193	169	24	0	9					
E. de Souza (Recreio)	6	4	2	0	183	84	49	0	8					
P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	7	4	3	0	152	128	26	0	8					
T. Pile (P.O.C.)	7	4	3	0	158	134	24	0	8					
W. B. Muskett (H.K.E.R.C.)	8	4	4	0	152	157	0	5	8					
A. Jillett (P.O.C.)	8	4	4	0	157	160	0	3	8					
A. W. Brown (R.H.K.Y.C.)	9	4	5	0	175	183	0	8	8					

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SPORTS PARADE

MENTION of Capt. T. E. Halsey and Lt.-Comdr. R. H. Stephenson in the Royal Navy-Royal Air Force cricket match played at Lord's recently, brought to mind the most colourful Navy side ever to have played in the local League.

This side was not only the most colourful, it was also the most powerful and their success in winning the League—it was the 1925/6 season—is the only one registered by Navy in the Senior Division since the inception of the League.

As is frequently the case with the Navy cricket side, there were numerous changes in the course of the season due to ships' movements, but prominent names which come to mind, in addition to Halsey and Stephenson, are Lt.-Comdr. Armitage, Pay-Lt. Hussey, Mid. Simms, Pay-Comdr. Woodward, Lt. Wauchope, Lt. Sillitoe, Lt.-Comdr. Beatty, and last but not least, that splendid Marine officer cricketer, Lt.-Col. Cantrell.

All these ranks, of course, apply to 1925/6—some of these players are probably admirals or generals by now, I doubt not!

HALSEY was the most attractive personality in a team full of personalities. A fast bowler with rather a violent action, he was a tremendous hitter, as, indeed, were the majority of the team.

Most brilliant batsman was Stephenson, then a "snottie." I recollect vividly an innings of his against Kowloon Cricket Club in a League match. Navy batted first, Stephenson went in No. 3, hit all and sundry with delightful abandon, and, when the innings was declared closed, had scored no fewer than 162 out of 232 scored whilst he was at the wicket. Needless to say, Navy won!

Then there was the match at Pokfulam against University, also in the League. The Varsity side of that year was pretty strong. Their attack, which included that express bowler Shahabuddin, A. A. Rumjahn, then in his prime, H. N. Balhatchet and C. W. Lam, was not by any means weak. That afternoon, however, apart from the runs scored against them, proved expensive. Halsey, scored a century (114), Armitage got 30, Stephenson 21 and Woodward 31 and the innings was declared closed at 249 for 9. In the course of about 90 minutes' batting, Navy hit eight balls over the fence and down the hill towards the slaughter-house and none of them were ever recovered!

AT one stage of the League season, Navy cricketers held the following records:-

Highest innings in the League (against University); highest individual aggregate; all three centuries scored (Armitage, Halsey and Stephenson); three of four bowlers who had taken seven wickets in a match; highest wicket aggregate (Cantrell); first man to reach 200 runs; and first man to take 20 wickets (Cantrell).

CANTRELL was the skipper of this very remarkable side. He was probably one of the best all-rounders ever to have played in the League. He was an extraordinarily accurate bowl-

er who could keep an end going for hours.

A few months after leaving the Colony he played for the Combined Services at Home against the touring New Zealand side and all Colony cricketers were terribly thrilled when his name was cabled through as having taken six wickets in New Zealand's first innings.

WHILST looking through the file for 1926, I came across several other cricket items which are of interest today. Heading the batting averages was E. C. Fincher, then playing for Civil Service. His figures for that season must constitute an all-time local record. They were:-

Inns.	H.S.	N.O.	Aggr.	Avg.
7	91*	5	242	121.00

Stephenson, who had the biggest League aggregate, scored 379 runs in 9 innings.

THERE have been some big hits registered in Hong Kong but I wonder how many of them can compare with one credited to K. R. Macaskill, formerly of Kowloon Cricket Club. This hard-hitting left-hander is said to have hit a ball from the centre of the K.C.C. ground, clean across Kowloon Bowling Green Club, into Austin Road!

If this is true, and I have had it from several sources, this hit must rank with the big hits—or possibly tall stories—of all time in any part of the world!

WHILST on the subject of Service cricketers who have played here I might mention Wing-Comdr. G. E. Livock, then Flight-Lt., who came up here as a

LAWN BOWLS NOTES

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OPEN RINKS SEMI-FINAL

GRIMMITT'S RINK RECOVER
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(By "Skip")

ALTHOUGH one could not by any stretch of imagination call it brilliant, the Semi-final Rink's game between F. X. M. Silva's Club de Recreio four and the Civil Service Club rink skipped by A. W. Grimmitt was quite interesting.

At one stage it looked as if it was going to be a virtual walk-over for the Portuguese team, but a revival by the Civil Servants in the last six heads not only brought them to within a couple of their opponents, but served to awaken an interest which, amongst the spectators at any rate, was tending to flag.

As a neutral on-looker, there appeared to me to be little life in either team; a lackadaisical frame of mind which may have been caused by nervousness, was evident in the play of most of the eight, with notable exceptions.

Mr. R. P. Phillips was in charge of the match and a large number of spectators, of both sexes, was amply provided for by the officials of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on whose green the game took place.

RECREIO WIN TOSS

Recreio won the toss and Machado threw a long jack and began well with a toucher, Deakin following suit but leaving the Portuguese with what proved to be the ultimate shot.

On the second head, Machado lay another good one but Simmonds went one better, only for his opponent to trail the jack for shot. Deakin drew another second and with the others making no difference, the Recreio rink chalked up one.

Charlie Silva gave a idea of what was to come when he drew a couple of shots at the next head and Grimmitt had to pull out a good one for second shot with his last wood and on the next head he again saved the situation by drawing the first shot.

Simmonds was heavy with his first wood but then put down a nice one which neither C. M. Silva, who was heavy, nor Johnny Ribeiro could move. Arthur Grimmitt (again!) drew the first, "Spuggy" putting up a bad one, but retrieving himself by drawing second shot with his other wood. Grimmitt had meanwhile put in a third amid much applause but Spuggy may have considered himself in luck as his wood rolled over the wrong way. One to C.S.C.C.—score 3-2 to Recreio at end of five heads. Pretty close work.

Simmonds drew first and second shots at the sixth head but Deakin stole his thunder with a lovely toucher. Charlie Silva drew the second shot and Spuggy earned applause by bumping one up—the only possible way to score, and duly nominated.

The seventh was unevenful but at the next, after Simmonds and then Deakin had drawn well, Johnny Ribeiro came into the limelight with a perfect shot right on the kitty. Eccleshall was short with both woods and "F.X." put a nice blocker in.

At the ninth head, with Recreio lying, Grimmitt was lucky to flick a wood in for the shot, but the next head was full of interest.

Machado put in a couple of counters but Jack Deakin trailed nicely (applause). Charlie Silva beat him to it (more applause) Eccleshall just missed with his first so Ribeiro put one at the back for safety. Grimmitt had bad luck with a couple of pound on shots and the total number of shots scored at the end of 10 heads was just 10, of which the King's Park rink claimed seven.

CANNY BLOCKING

Charlie Silva got busy again at the eleventh, putting in two lovely ones, but Eccleshall drew nicely to make a measure for the second shot. Ribeiro was short in trying to face this wood but F.X. achieved the shot to lie a couple, and then blocked cannily!

The front men did little at the next head, but, after Ribeiro and his skip had drawn three, Grimmitt drove to save a couple—a useful shot.

Thirteenth head, unlucky for some but full of interest: Simmonds drew the first shot, Machado being short

twice. Charlie Silva was short with one, unusual for him, then wrecked with the other which nearly knocked "Mach" in for the shot. Ribeiro was narrow and Eccleshall drew a good second shot. Spuggy put some weight on and followed through to count a possible three, only for Grimmitt to move the kitty and lie a like number.

Up came Silva with a toucher which went through for second shot and Grimmitt best him to count a couple.

Machado drew the first and Charlie Silva added another on the next head but Eccleshall outshone them both, only to see Ribeiro take the jack back amid applause and count a singleton.

Machado drew two good ones with "Simmo" not far away and Charlie Silva trailed to make a big count look possible. Deakin was short and narrow and Silva, having meanwhile added another, the Recreio rink lay four. Grimmitt, blocked by short woods, could only save one. Score at 15 heads: 14-5 to Silva's rink—and that was all they scored!

Just when it seemed as if everything was over bar the shouting, the Civil Servants took on a new lease of life. Simmonds, who always had a slight edge on Machado, drew a nice one which Charlie Silva just failed to move, Deakin adding a second shot. With one good and one bad wood, Ribeiro made no change and Grimmitt blocked effectively.

Machado put his first on the jack at the 17th, and nearly protected it with his second, but Deakin, aided by a wick, just managed to make a narrow port for a possible first shot.

"Have a wallop at it" called Grimmitt, having two or three back woods, and Eccleshall broke up the head leaving Recreio still counting one: then Grimmitt brought the house down with a perfect wood right on the objective.

INTEREST REVIVES

In spite of a good trail by Ribeiro, the Civil Servants still counted one at the 18th, and interest began to revive rapidly. Simmonds put a couple near the jack but Silva drew second; no change when the skips went down; Grimmitt was short with both woods when trying to add to the tally and Spuggy's made no difference.

Fourteen to nine, two heads to go and they'd got them on the run. But first Machado, then Silva drew first shot at the 20th, but Jack Deakin split them to improve the position though Portugal still had a race.

"F.X." drew another but Grimmitt came in for the first with a shot which learned the biggest applause of the day.

Four to get on the last head was a bit of a task considering that the first 20 had produced no fewer than 17 singles! But the Civil Servants went about the task well and had a chance of victory at one stage of the head.

Simmonds was a yard through, a good place with a count needed, and Machado lay one. Deakin drew the first and second shots, Charlie Silva saving one with his last wood, amid applause. Eccleshall put in the first shot to count a couple and in spite of an offer by Grimmitt of "Five Dollars if you trail it," he was a shade wide with his second bowl.

F.X. was satisfied to let them have two although he failed in an attempt to put in a back one and Grimmitt made a good effort but the head by that time was too "bottled up."

As will be seen, the outstanding

C.G. SILVA AGAIN
PLAYS WELL

(By "Skip")

EVERYTHING in last Saturday's lawn bowls programme was over shadowed by Kowloon Football Club's great win over Taikoo at Quarry Bay. A victory on each rink, though small, made the win still more surprising.

This result, and their own dramatic win at Austin Road, has given Hong Kong Football Club a clear three points lead in the League, and, strengthened as they now are by the return of one or two of last year's players, they will take a lot of stopping

The three First Division matches completed, finished up as expected, Kowloon Cricket Club, Club de Recreio "A" and Kowloon Bowling Green Club all winning: the game between the Police and the Club de Recreio "B" remains unfinished and is in a most interesting position, the Portuguese club being eight shots to the good with three heads to go on each rink.

In the game at Cox's Road, where the visitors found the heavy green a severe handicap, Harry Strange lost his unbeaten record, Jimmy Hyde who was making his debut as skip literally trouncing him.

Fred Jones and Frank Goodwin had an even tussle until the interval, after which the former gained a useful lead, only for the home skip to score a couple of threes to tie: the latter was, a fine effort, I'm told.

Dai Davies was in splendid form as lead to Hollidge on the other rink but Fincher's later men were too good and he won by seven.

C. G. SILVA AGAIN

Club de Recreio had to again thank C. G. Silva for their win against the Indians as Dick Alves was down to Minu, who played a great game, and F. X. Silva's re-organised rink had only a single shot advantage over Dallas. "C. G." was well up on Abbas, however, who scored only a couple of singletons in the last seven ends.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club won on two rinks against Kowloon Dock, Adam Holland having a big win against Johnny Kempton, who did not touch the form of the previous week: Adam was in fine fettle, especially with his weighty ones, and he had better support than his opponent.

A. G. Hall always had a slight edge on Bob Morrison, Joe Meyer playing a good game with everything coming off for him.

Glen Cooper played well to overcome Willie Macfarlane, who was also good, by four shots. "Young Bob" Lapsley was again prominent.

SECOND DIVISION

The game at Taikoo was very tense: all square at the fifth head, Kowloon had taken the lead by half a dozen shots at the tea interval and increased it by 10 shot in the following two heads.

Then the home team began to chalk up some useful counts, Tommy Ferguson interrupting with a second five against D. Munro, but although all three skips struggled gamely they could not make up the lee-way.

Jimmy Chalmers, who, with Melrose, was outstanding, had the misfortune to flick the jack when he was lying at the last head with the scores 14 all, and Vic Chattenden scored a couple to win.

Bill Field, scored on the last end to beat Bob Wallace, but Tommy Ferguson led Munro a merry dance: he was playing very well and at one time

men were Charlie Silva, the best man on view, and Ribeiro, on the Portuguese side; and Grimmitt, who was always up against it, and Simmonds, in a lesser degree, for the losers.

had a lead of 17 shots, but the home skip chalked up 13 to 1 including a nap hand, in the last seven heads, to lose by only five. Kowloon, playing well as a team, deserved their narrow win.

Civil Servants requiring 24 to tie with only four ends to be played, wisely conceded the points to Kowloon. Tong "Spud" Spary had finished a dozen up on Syd Eccleshall, Charlie Strange was 10 to the bad with three ends to go, and Harry Gittins was four up on Frank Haynes with the last head to be played.

A similar match was that between Craigengower and Police, which the latter could hardly have expected to win, they were so far behind.

Bill Way had a smashing win against McHardy and Charlie Rosselet was nicely up on Riddell, George Moss was the only visitor in the lead when the rain stopped play. He was in golfing language, dormy 3.

There was an exciting finish at Austin Road where the Hong Kong Footballers scored four at the last head to win by that number. Waterton, down 15-0 at one time, pulled up to within four of Brooksbank but Cheesman collapsed on the last half dozen heads. Jock Logan had a big win against Jake Selby, who scored only a couple of singles after the interval.

BIG TENNIS
MATCH TO-DAY

The much-postponed "A" Division League tennis match between Indian Recreation Club and South China, will be played this afternoon, weather permitting, at Soekunpoo.

Although there is a possibility that A.H. Madar will not be fit enough to play, the Indians are likely to be at full strength. Com-

Both these matches have

been cancelled owing to the

rain.

position of the South China team is not available.

K.C.C. "A", who will entertain Ladies' Recreation Club in the Mixed Doubles League, will be without their captain, E. C. Fincher, who is playing a lawn bowls match. They will be represented by:—

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12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—A Concert by Mischa Levitzki (Piano).
Concerto No. 1 in E Flat Major (Liszt)...with the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—The Street Singer and Otto Dobrindt & His Orchestra.
Sunny Days—Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Chorus Of The Clocks—Fox-Trot Intermezzo...Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.
Goldilocks And The Three Bears (film 'Follow your Star'); Waltz For Those In Love (film 'Follow your Star')...The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy) with Orchestra.
When The Lads Are Off To Dance—Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Mind Your Step!—Fox-Trot...Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.
I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker, Charles)...The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy) with Instrumental Accompaniment.
Rouge Et Noir—Slow Fox-Trot; Will O' The Wisp—Fox-Trot Intermezzo...Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Jessie Matthews (Vocal) & Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.
Jazz Me Blues—Quick-step; Cheerful Blues—Slow Fox-Trot...Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.
Just By Your Example (film 'Ever-

green'); Dancing On The Ceiling (film 'Evergreen')...Jessie Matthews (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Waltz Medley. Intro: Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life; Falling in Love Again; Charmaine; Ramona; Missouri Waltz; What'll I Do...Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.
Tinkle, Tinkle, Tinkle; Over My Shoulder (film 'Evergreen'); When You've Got A Little Springtime In Your Heart (film 'Evergreen')...Jessie Matthews (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Shine; My Sweetie Went Away; Sweet Jenny Lee; Farewell Blues; You Rascal You; Muddy Waters...Harry Roy & His Tiger-Ragamuffins.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quickstep—Swing Is Here To Sway (film 'Ali Baba goes to Town'); Slow Fox-Trot—Got A New Pair Of Shoes (film 'Thoroughbred don't cry')...Harry Roy & His Orch.
Tango Fox-Trot—City Of A Million Dreams; Waltz—Viennese Romance...Jack Wilson & His Versatile Five.
Quickstep—Home Again Blues; Fox-Trot—Pop Corn Man...Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Silver Sails On Moonlit Waters; After All These Years...Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five.
Waltz—Dance The Moonlight Waltz With Me; Slow Fox-Trot—Old Pal

Of Mine...Mantovani & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—It's D'Lovely (from 'The Fleet's Hit Up'); I Hadn't Anyone Till You...Gerald & His Orch.
Tango—Fortuna...Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.
6.42 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—'Great Occasions in Parliament'. William Pitt. An Appeal for National Unity, November 10, 1797.
7.15 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Mother Of Pearl"—Selection (O. Straus)...New Mayfair Orch.
Musical Comedy Through the Years—Selection...Gerald & His Orchestra with N. Hall, O. Grantham & M. Rey.
7.32 p.m.—The Hill Billies, Vivian Ellis and the London Piano-Accordeon Band.
The Whistling Waltz (film 'Lime light'); Maid Of Brazil (Le Roy & Marsden)...London Piano-Accordeon Band.
A Shanty In A One Horse Town (The Hill Billies); Waltzing Matilda (An Australian Song—Cowan arr. Wood)...The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.
A Little White Room ('Floodlight'—Beverley Nichols); 'Floodlight'—Piano Medley (Beverley Nichols)...Vivian Ellis (Piano).
Across The Great Divide (Box & Others); My Little Buckaroo (film 'Strange Laws')...The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.
I Have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Mihaly & Feiner)...London Piano-Accordeon Band.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Next week's programme.
8.06 p.m.—Liadov—The Enchanted Lake. Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close down.

8.15 p.m.—Studio Concert by Elizabeth Rogers (Soprano) and Nura Kanis (Piano).
1. The Birch-Tree (A. Gretchaninoff).
2. The Awakening of a Snowdrop (A. Gretchaninoff).
3. My Country (A. Gretchaninoff).
4. Lullaby (A. Gretchaninoff)...Elizabeth Rogers.
5. Prelude, Op. 10, No. 1 (Liadov).
6. A Musical Snuff Box (Liadov)...Nura Kanis.
7. All is Calm, The River is Asleep...C. Kasherwaroff.
8. The Pine-Tree (M. Balakireff).
9. Cornflowers (A. Cherniavsky)...Elizabeth Rogers.
8.45 p.m.—Grieg—Concerto In A Minor, Op. 16. Arthur De Greef (Piano) and the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—More Food for Thought. Short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
The Immortals—Concert Overture (Reginald King)...London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.
"The Perfect Fool"—Dance Of The Spirits Of The Earth (Holst); "The Planets"—No. 3. Mercury (Holst)...Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
Pastorale D'Ete—Poeme Symphonique (Honegger)...Arthur Honegger and Grand Symphony Orchestra, Paris.
Perpetuum Mobile (Johann Strauss)...Willem Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra.
10.20 p.m.—Bizet's "Carmen". Act II. Singers in order of appearance: Aurora Buades, Bruno Carmassi, Ebe Ticozzi, Irma Mion, Benvenuto Francis, Aristide Baracchi, Giuseppe Nessi, Aureliano Pertile and Chorus of La Scala, Milan with the Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Molajoli.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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The bidding:
North East South West
10 Pass 1NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Although a high-sounding name, the Deschappelles Coup (named after the Frenchman who first discovered this defensive play) is not extremely complicated. It consists of the deliberate sacrifice of an honour by one defending player, made in the hope that a lesser honour in partner's hand will be established as the high card of the suit. For example, against South's three no-trump contract West opened his fourth-best heart. East, naturally, finessed the ten, and South, after winning with the Queen, led the diamond nine, which East captured with the Jack. Pondering on how to obtain five tricks before the diamond suit became established, East concluded this could be accomplished only if his partner could obtain the lead. Obviously West's only possible winning trick would be the club Queen. So with this thought in

mind, East boldly laid down the King of clubs. Since it would do no good to hold up the Ace, South won in dummy, led a spade to his hand, then took a second diamond finesse.

East now played a second club. West won with the Queen and, well aware of the situation, shifted to a heart. East's Ace and Jack of Hearts then provided the two tricks necessary to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were the dealer and held:

♠ A x x
♥ A x x
♦ x x x
♣ A 10 x x

What do you bid?

ANSWER: Your correct opening bid is one club. However, the hand is close. Without the ten of clubs we would be willing to pass.

Score 100% for one club, 60% for pass, 0 for one no-trump.

QUESTION NO. 164

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ x x
♥ x x
♦ A K Q J x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

Burnstone Jacoby You Maier
1♣ 2♣ 3♣ 4♣
3♣ Pass 5♣ 6♣

What do you bid now? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY, 8th AUGUST to THURSDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 27th July, 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Usual Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2718.	Opposite New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2811, Wing Hong Street, Lai Chi Kok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	80,000	414
									9,000



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2719.	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2811 and 2812, Christie Road, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	5,800	7,800

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Usual Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
18	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2711.	Junction of Chung Ning Street and Hing Wah Street, Chung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	\$	\$
							As per sale plan	25,710	354
							do.	3,672	51
									19,878

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THREAT OF REPRISALS BY JAPANESE

(Special to "China Mail")

Shanghai, To-day.

Americans in the Japanese-controlled area are liable to be treated like the British following the abrogation of the American-Japan Treaty of Trade and Commerce of 1911. At least this is threat in Japanese circles here to-day.

From diplomatic quarters here, it was learned that the strong American stand is prompted by the anticipation that if the anti-British agitation conducted by the Japanese in China is successful, the next objective would be Americans. This view, advanced by Representative Fred L. Crawford, of Michigan, is growing in the United States.—Our Own Correspondent.

ISSUES CANNOT BE SEPARATED

London, To-day.

The British Government does not think that any good purpose could be served by suggesting, under the present circumstances, the summoning of a general conference to examine the international raw material situation, declared the Prime Minister, replying, in the House of Commons, to an opposition question as to whether Britain was prepared to take the initiative in this matter.

JAPAN REPLIES JUST A SHADE DEFIANTLY

Tokyo, To-day.

The abrogation of the American-Japanese Economic and Amity Agreement of 1911 by the United States was described yesterday as "politically highly important" by a spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, particularly as the American Government had taken that measure at a time when the Anglo-Japanese negotiations were being conducted.

The abrogation, the spokesman emphasized, had been announced "unexpectedly," and "without a detailed explanation," so that it was difficult to see the real motives of that step.

Nevertheless, the Japanese spokesman declared, the Japanese Government would be prepared, if America wished, to conclude a new agreement taking into consideration the new situation in East Asia.—Trans-Ocean.

PRES. CARMONA'S COLONIAL TOUR

Lisbon, To-day.

The Portuguese President, General Carmona, at present on an inspection tour through Portuguese colonies in Africa, has left Lour-enço Marques, accompanied by his staff and a number of journalists, for a two days' visit to Beira, second largest city of Mozambique.—Trans-Ocean.

The study of a question of this kind, added the Prime Minister, would have to cover the political as well as the economic field.—Trans-Ocean.

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